Post Event Summary

Event: Val Verde Civic Association Monthly Meeting

IRWM Region	Upper Santa Clara River Watershed	Date and Time	February 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	College of the Canyons	Location	Val Verde Community Room 30300 Arlington St. Val Verde, CA 91384
Event Facilitator Contact	Holly Hitt-Zuniga	Community Member Attendance	Under 18 years old: (0) Over 18 years old: (6-10)
Event Facilitator Contact Email	holly.hitt-zuniga@canyons.edu	Water Service Provider Attendance	LA County Waterworks District 36: Richard Gomez, P.E. (Area Engineer) & Kari Eskridge, P.E. (Water Resources Manager)

Most of the attendees of the community meeting were between the age ranges of 40-80 years old, a mix of white and African-American residents. The students prepared a PowerPoint presentation to give during the community meeting. Our presentation covered most of the standard toolkit information, with a focus on storm water runoff and water conservation. The concerns that the community discussed were about water quality and a water pipe that has had continued breakage & flooding issues in the past. The community were upset that they had voted for a water bill increase to speed up the replacement of that pipe and still nothing had been done, although the Waterworks District representative in attendance let them know a project was to start possibly next year to replace the pipe in question. Regarding water quality concerns; the community was concerned about possible contamination of their groundwater due to the nearby landfill and reliability of water quality testing. The LACWD representatives assured them that the well water was upstream from the landfill, so contamination should not be a concern. Regarding the water quality testing, the LACWD representatives described the process of testing the water and how a third party tests the water and reports back to the State. The residents seemed to be more comfortable after that information. The community was very gracious and appreciated our presentation and outreach.