

Santa Paula Water and Climate Resilience Workshop

Thursday October 13, 2022, 6:00-7:30 PM

Hosted by:

CAUSE, Watershed Coalition of Ventura County, and WaterTalks

Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWM) Subregion:

Ventura County

DACIP Communities:

Santa Paula

Event Information:

CAUSE Office 216 N. 8th St. Santa Paula, CA 93060

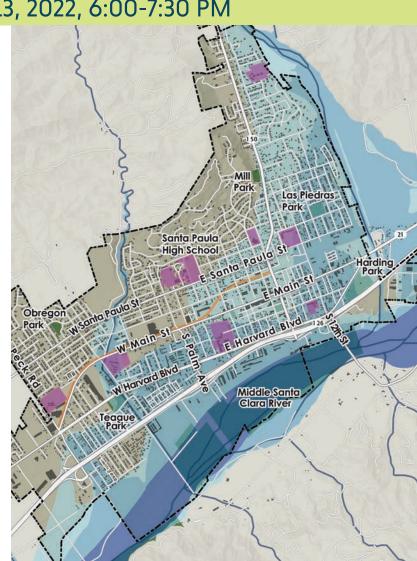
Objective:

Help us plan where we need more shade, native plants, flood protection and access to water in our community.

Project Type:

Community Outreach

Project Components: Public Health, Climate Resilience, Canopy Cover, Native Vegetation, Flooding, Water Access



Highlights of Community Feedback

CAUSE and the WaterTalks team hosted an in-person workshop to identify local water and climate resilience issues. Attendees divided into three groups; English, Spanish, and High School students, to rotate through three map stations, locating specific water and climate resilience needs. The High School Campus map was reserved for student comment, while everyone had a chance to comment on City Flood Areas and Tree Canopy maps.

Top Priorities from Flood Areas:

- Construct catch basins in the neighborhoods north of Cornell Dr. (south of the City) to reduce flooding to the river, help infiltrate the soil and create a drainage in that area.
- Improve drainage at Main St. and 12th St. to catch water before flooding the river.
- Plant native plants along the Santa Paula Bike Trail.
- Plant Sycamore trees where Eucalyptus trees were removed in 2022 along Cemetery Rd. and other streets.
- Improve drainage at Pleasant St. and N. Mill St. (near McKevett Elementary School).

Top Priorities from Tree Canopy:

- Teague Park
- Las Piedras Park
- Mill Park
- Santa Paula Bike Trail—more shading and water fountains.
- Plant more trees along Harvard Blvd.
- Provide shade/trees at bus stops.

Better Water Access

- Install water fountains/hydration stations along the Santa Paula Bike Trail.
- Install water fountains/hydration stations in all parks

Santa Paula High School Priorities:

- Maintain existing water fountains and hydration stations, including keeping them clean, improving water flow and pressure, and making sure filters are changed in a timely manner.
- Provide 10 new hydration stations at the locations identified by participants on the Santa Paula High School campus map.
- Provide more shade trees outside the library/center courts.
- Provide AC and fans in the classrooms.

Other needs:

- Organize a community tree planting for the new park being created for the Limoneira homes on the east end of Santa Paula.
- Agricultural employers need to provide shade for farmworkers on their breaks.









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