

Assessment Feedback from Van Nuys

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	9/20/2021 4:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: No

Comments and Discussion:

Most people agreed with having safe drinking water quality and planting more shade trees in the community. Most people agreed with the access to safe drinking water. Other than that most people did not show any other water-related concerns.



Assessment Feedback from San Fernando

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	10/30/2021 10:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Community leadership was recently discussing banning the planting of non-native tree species, this prompted the conversations around climate appropriate vs native tree species. we talked to residents about the need for trees, and some teachers were interested in doing school plantings.



Assessment Feedback from Skid Row

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/4/2021 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

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Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Most people would like to see more landscaping around the city like there is at LA State Historic Park and felt that there was a decent access to parks and open space given that they were at the park already. They would like to see more rain gardens in peoples homes and in the streets. Some people visiting from Long Beach mentioned that in Long Beach they don't have enough access to local parks and green space, specifically near the Elm Avenue Culture Center.



Assessment Feedback from Van Nuys / Van Nuys Airport

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/6/2021 10:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Undetermined

Comments and Discussion:

Most people mentioned the need for more drought tolerant landscaping in homes and and a lack of access to nearby open space. Balboa Park is nearby to people, but nothing actually in the city of Van Nuys. There is flooding east side of Lankershim Blvd, on Burbank and Balboa. Members would like to see an increase in parkways and plantings in Van Nuys.

Photo: No photo



Assessment Feedback from Boyle Heights, City Terrace, East LA/Montebello/Pico Rivera

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/8/2021 7:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes, chat box and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

The importance of ensuring multi-benefits through these projects and future programs that centers indigenous concerns, and tenants. Water sovereignty for indigenous folks through these projects (land back/water back efforts). Not that it was missing, but to ensure that the issue of people who are experiencing housless-ness are supported instead of criminalized and further pushed out and neglected. In terms of multibenefits, they were wondering if this work could also uplift the importance of a transition from fossil fuel to natural energy, and specifically named zero emission transportation. In terms of ideas to implement these concerns, members suggested drought specific support/infrastructure for low-income communities of color; a county certified list of native/drought tolerant plants that community members can refer to and the idea of a program that gave funds to community members who used the list to change the landscape in their homes in addition to other water conservation elements in their home; and programs for rainwater in apartment complexes. There are funds for homes but less support for tenants in apt buildngs, this can help utilize space in a smart way for water. In terms of greenspaces, there has been the normalization of cutting trees when an issue arises. A community member shared this experience: There used to be a tree behind my apartment and it got full of honeybee's and my mom called Housing authority to get a beekeeper but a beekeeper never showed up and instead they sent a pest exterminator and the tree was taken off from its roots, now we have no tree(s) around like there are barely any around the apartments. The idea came up of no net loss to be incorporated within projects and programs i.e. if you cut a tree, plant a tree; plant 10 trees!



Assessment Feedback from Northern LAR Cities, Commerce/Bell Gardens

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/8/2021 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through chat box and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Participants discussed the need for more educational engagement for community members; temporary resources for community members that mediate water quality issues, while a larger plan is developed to address the issues at all levels (groundwater, city infrastructure, water provider, housing infrastructure, drought). Ideas to help address concerns include funding for infrastructure for city piping and issues our water providers are experiencing with the goal to have fully safe, clean drinking water; community having an active role in water (due to water education and engagement) and a program for water filtration kits for homes for folks to have clean running water.



Assessment Feedback from Long Beach, South Bay

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/10/2021 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through chat box and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

General interest in learning more about where our water comes from and local water capture projects. Community members want to engage in tap water and public space water testing. Specific interest in learning more about gray water usage at home. An addition to drinking water quality concern: concerns about levels of chlorine used to treat water. City regulation on gray water infrastructure was also raised as a concern. Community members want to be able to give multiple uses to water at home. Community members would like to know if there are programs that support with paying for and installing faucet filters. They shared they do not trust faucet water quality and think this is a short term, accessible solution. Community members want to learn more about MWD recycling facility in Carson. Community members want to learn more about gray water infrastructure.



Assessment Feedback from North Lynwood, Greater Compton, Central South Gate

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/12/2021 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through chat box and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Undetermined

Comments and Discussion:

Discussion included the importance of water conservation and groundwater replenishment; the high cost of water in Lynwood specifically. Community engagement is needed on the importance of water conservation due to the drought and climate change in addition to programming that support tenants and homeowners alike to conserve and incentivize conservation needs; additionally, water conservation education due to the cost of water; members shared how expensive it was and how in their experience it was due to a broken pipe that they were unaware of up until the bill came through; program to distribute smart water monitor to communities to catch leakage and view their water usage (one that is known is called Flume). Education is also desired on best practices for cities to conserve water; for context member shared concerns on wasteful practices they've seen from their city, i.e. not maintaining & fixing city leaks in the streets or parks; water rates and high costs in Lynwood; broken wells or infrastructure, irrigation system. Is there any assistance for homeowners who have broken or leaking water pipes? Water bill was \$2k! Why werent they notified? Do programs already exist to assist homeowners with their own water piping and monitoring of water?



Assessment Feedback from Sun Valley (East) / Sun Valley (South)

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/17/2021 6:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Discussion included Flooding, Clean Water, Contamination, Water Capture and Conservation.



Assessment Feedback from Panorama City

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/20/2021 4:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes, verbal responses, and interactive tools.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Community members expressed a lot of interest in trees and native plants. More green space: native plants and trees, How to utilize unused urban space. Flooding was noted on Hubbard and Fenton (in Sylmar).



Assessment Feedback from East Hollywood

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/2/2021 7:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Water Quality concerns and community concerns, and survey participation. The homelessness crisis was also a topic of note.



Assessment Feedback from Manchester, Harvard/Chesterfield Square

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/4/2021 8:30:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses and WaterTalks posters.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

The need for green space: more shade trees, more plants. Also water conservation projects (one resident has a gray-water system at her home that uses washing machine water to water avocado tree). More trees, more shade to fight heat, more local water collection before it goes to the street.





Assessment Feedback from Central Burbank

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/4/2021 9:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Group included parents and school personnel who would like to a see a varied landscape on their campuses that include outdoor classrooms. They're like to plant trees on parkways, less and lighter asphalt, and to replace trees with crepe myrtles and other trees from the Audubon society and LAUSD list. They would like to receive the tree list that TreePeople put together with LAUSD. They have their own master gardener's BUSD tree species list that could be planted. They would like for when large trees are felled that they be replaced with other large trees and for there to be maintenance of an urban forest. The meeting was held at TreePeople's headquarters, and included a tour of the educational La Kretz Urban Watershed Garden. The

group wanted to know how to incorporate features like the sustainable house demonstration and find out how to incorporate stormwater capture features such as bioswales, rain barrels, and rain gardens on campus. There was a list of schools that they felt would be great to pilot some of these school greening initiatives: Burbank High School, Efon, John muir Middle School, Miller, and MLK- This is where families at the middle school can pilot tree plantings.





Assessment Feedback from Los Feliz

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/6/2021 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

The meeting was held with members of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council. Unhoused community needs/Drinking water quality were discussed. Members believe drinking water quality is a result of the unhoused community needs/trash. Many of the community's homeless residents live near the LA river, which ends up being littered by the homeless residents.



Assessment Feedback from Central Glendale

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/10/2021 5:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Communities for a Better Environment	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Residents mentioned it would be important to include the top 4 issues vs top 3. That way high cost of water would be included as a priority because it is a major concern and it had notable votes. It was also brought up that it would be good to differentiate between trash (individuals) and industrial pollution, as toxic chemicals might be considered more harmful. Many residents identified the need to include public school water quality as a priority. There is very little trust in the infrastructure of the campuses. Residents mentioned it would be important to include the top 4 issues vs top 3. That way climate change could become a priority, since it had significant amount of votes and it is a major concern for many. In regards to most pressing community issues, people mentioned that it resonated with them why the top concern was unhoused needs and housing. Someone mentioned the need to prioritize public health since people continue to deal with the pandemic/covid.



Assessment Feedback from Wilmington

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/10/2021 4:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Communities for a Better Environment	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Folks agreed with most findings but wished that public safety was prioritized. Adult members felt like there has been a surge in violence and are concerned about the lack of programming for youth. We talked about parent-led afterschool walking routes, could include an educational component.



Assessment Feedback from Tujunga/Foothill Blvd.

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	12/18/2021 10:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Meeting was held at TreePeople Center with a tour of the La Kretz Urban Watershed Garden. How to save our local water resource and how the irresponsibility of local government policy has depleted our water resource. Solutions: rainwater barrels, reclaim space in abandoned areas, tear up the concrete where it is not absolutely needed. LA is not able to fill up aquifers

because government policies encourage concrete on everything. Policy needs to change. Also, there is a spot near the Verdugo Hills golf course that is essential to the local watershed, AND has cultural and historical significance to original caretakers that is in danger of being developed into housing.





Assessment Feedback from Hollywood

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/10/2022 6:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Shade trees, Stormwater Capture, Project development and implementation were key areas of discussion.



Assessment Feedback from Tujunga/Foothill Blvd.

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/14/2022 11:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: No
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: No

Comments and Discussion:

Residents want funding to go to preserving a natural space, the Verdugo Hills golf course, that almost received Prop O funding, and is now at risk of being developed into housing. And creating a center for learning about the historical, cultural and environmental significance of the land and inhabitants.



Assessment Feedback from Mid City West

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/19/2022 7:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Undetermined
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

More shade trees are needed in the community, retaining stormwater capture, how can we work within the community to get that implemented. One community member was interested in residential stormwater capture. There was a consensus on the need to collect further feedback to more accurately paint a picture of the community in the questions and concerns as they related to water.



Assessment Feedback from Tujunga/Foothill Blvd.

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/20/2022 10:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: No
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Securing Verdugo Hills Golf Course for public use/benefit, and not putting homes there is top of mind. There is a concern about Senate Bill 910 and the impact that it makes on further tree and permeable space removal and conserving permeability. Also interested in learning more about cisterns installed under fields, and extending the Oro Vista wash project (CD7) to the wash.



Assessment Feedback from Santa Monica I-10 Corridor

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/24/2022 2:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Discussion included capping the 10 Freeway to make more green space, and combat air and water pollution (minimize freeway runoff). Another concern pointed out is pollution: urban runoff going into ocean, and SM's goal of being water self sufficient in the coming years but our aquifer levels being very low.



Assessment Feedback from Hollywood

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/24/2022 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Issues discussed included water quality and shade trees, housing, homelessness and climate change. One member wants to know if they can continue to take the survey. Asked about how water projects will be developed and implement, what is the time frame.



Assessment Feedback from Sawtelle

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	1/26/2022 9:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through notes and verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

There was desire for more opportunities to take the Survey; more public input and to expand/share the survey with community.



Assessment Feedback from South Park, Downtown Los Angeles

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	2/8/2022 6:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Interested in water quality tests, and water available for houseless population.



Assessment Feedback from Mid-City

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	2/14/2022 6:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Concerned with flooding in specific streets including near Alta Loma Elementary School. Concerned about the lack of shade trees and open space.



Assessment Feedback from Sawtelle

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	2/20/2022 9:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: No
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

New Development with Avalon Bay and Abode to turn open plaza (coincidentally where the farmers market is held) into low income housing. Desire to have a third-party such as TreePeople speak on behalf of the community, and advocate for the huge trees that will soon be cut down, for open space, parks and greenery in the plans.





Assessment Feedback from Leimert Park

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	4/23/2022 9:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	Ultimate Restoration Unlimited, URU	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through WaterTalks posterboards.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

This event was a combination of education of water importance, community cleaning, importance and reporting neighborhood issues, importance with a community clean-up activity and free pottery and planting supplies.







Assessment Feedback from Sunland-Tujunga

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	5/26/2022 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

Discussion confirmed the need for water to fight fires, concerns about homeless in the Tujunga wash, sanitation concerns, illegal dumping.



Assessment Feedback from Southeast Los Angeles

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	6/8/2022 10:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	Ultimate Restoration Unlimited, URU	Event Format	Virtual Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

This was a presentation before a Care Coordination Meeting for Service Planning Area (SPA) #6 for LA County Dept of Public Health and partners. Discussion focused on the intersection of public health and water related issues.



Assessment Feedback from Westchester Park

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	6/19/2022 10:00:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	Ultimate Restoration Unlimited, URU	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

This event celebrated the Juneteenth holiday in collaboration with the LA Black Month Festival. URU was signed up as a Community Resource Center vendor bringing valuable resources to the Vermont Knolls community. Resources included paid and volunteer opportunities, the WaterTalks community survey, a WaterTalks educational piece, and the WaterTalks community project implementation.





Assessment Feedback from Elysian Valley, Frogtown

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	7/8/2022 5:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Mujeres de la Tierra	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

On Friday July 8th, 2022, Mujeres de la Tierra hosted a Platica "Conversation" community with community members and residents from Elysian Valley to "ground truth" results of the Needs Assessment. While MDLT began this gathering by sharing the presentation and messaging provided by TreePeople for this specific WaterTalks meeting, this Platica centered around Elysian Valley resident's needs and concerns relating to water and water quality. This gathering, which was organized and facilitated with support from a local community organizer, allowed for the safe and open sharing of community member's concerns relating to water and water quality, beyond those included in the WaterTalks Survey and Needs Assessment. Through small group and then a larger group Platica, participants (approximately 27) shared, concerns relating to regional water storage, water use/watering restrictions, notable odors in water from the tap, and the effect of home piping on municipal water quality. As a result of our gathering, at least 15 additional WaterTalks surveys were completed (online). Of note: In light of the intensifying policies and enforcement, will the wealthy be held accountable for their water use and lawns? Questions and concerns about the language used in LADWP Water Testing data reports; how can the general public understand it if it isn't written clearly? Strong desire for more information/transparency from the city on water. Most do not trust the tap water in their homes, and throughout the city (public water), so they resort to buying bottled water and using filters (fridge, Brita, tap filter). Public water stations are a good convenience that should be more present; however, participants want more information on the provider, maintenance, etc. They would be even more likely to use them if they had more information.



Assessment Feedback from Juntos Family Park, Los Angeles

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	7/16/2022 12:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Mujeres de la Tierra	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

On Saturday July 16th, 2022, Mujeres de la Tierra (MDLT) hosted a Platica "Conversation" with community members and residents from Glassell Park to discuss results of the Needs Assessment. This Platica was held at Juntos Family Park (3135 Drew St. Los Angeles, CA 90065) and was attended by 32 participants, including men, women and children. Moreover, this community meeting was multigenerational, with attendees including children, adults, parents and grandparents. This meeting was hosted in Spanish, as recommended by the local community organizer who supported the development, outreach for and implementation of this community meeting. Because meeting materials and information resources, provided by TreePeople, are 1) designed for indoor presentation (i.e. PowerPoint presentation) and 2) are almost exclusively available in English, MDLT had to adapt and develop meeting materials to allowing the effective sharing of the Needs Assessment with Glassell Park residents outdoors and in Spanish. Using translated meeting materials (English to Spanish), printed info graphs and interpretive displays, MDLT was able to effective share/discuss results of the Needs Assessment with community members from Glassell Park.

Because this Platica was hosted in Spanish, attendees expressed feeling comfortable sharing their input on results of the Needs Assessment. Moreover, participants openly expressed and shared their needs and concerns with the MDLT team, as they "felt that that they would be heard". Together, a 1 hour WaterTalk turned into a 2 hour Platica "Conversation" about Water – a need, resource and commodity in the Glassell Park community. Also of note: 99% of participants obtain and pay for drinking water from water machine or water stores, because they don't trust the quality of municipal drinking water. Additional water quality data/information was requested (in Spanish) as a part of the Dashboard. Verbal response polling showed that results of the Needs Assessment were overall (90%) accurate and congruent with the needs and concerns of Glassell Park community members.