



# Post Event Summary

## 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!