



Post Event Summary

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.