

Post Event Summary

Event: The USDA Is Coming to Watts

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	10/5/2022 1:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Watts Clean Air and Energy Committee	Event Format	In-Person Meeting
Location	Center for Sustainable Communities, 1051 Rosecrans Ave, Compton, CA 90222	Attendance or Estimated Reach	65

Purpose of Event:

Solicit more Needs Assessment surveys in low-response areas

Means used to Collect Feedback:

Notes/Word Doc, Verbal responses

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This was a large event with many politicians. The politicians did not have much to say. Every level of government with about 50 in the audience. The USDA coming to Compton is a big deal. Participants shared their Sativa water experience and how they were not comfortable when realizing the contamination of their families and agriculture. The USDA said that they can provide water for farms and had a grant recipient there from Barron Farms. We discussed the importance of the basic knowledge and the work it will take for the overall community to have access to the information for empowerment. The participants were interested in rainwater capture and building the connection between community and utilities. WCAEC shared basic WaterTalks education and talked about the possibilities. Hopefully USDA will keep their word to become an asset to the community's development, especially around water security, agriculture and farmer support along many other services they provide. About 50 percent said they would complete WaterTalks surveys.

