



Post Event Summary

Event: LA Faith and Ecology Meeting

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	11/9/2022 10:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Watts Clean Air and Energy Committee	Event Format	Virtual Meeting
Location	Virtual for Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw and other communities	Attendance or Estimated Reach	14

Purpose of Event:

Solicit more Needs Assessment surveys in low-response areas

Means used to Collect Feedback:

Notes/Word Doc, Verbal responses

Event Summary:

This is a group of members including laity who focus on environmental issues in Southern California. They represent many areas with direct access to over 50 congregations. Some areas they represent are (Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw/Pasadena/Hollywood/South Gate/Long Beach/Compton). They will share the WaterTalks survey in their network. The group was concerned about policy and how it trickles down to the bottom. They committed to being more active and to prepare their communities for the future.

They reviewed WaterTalks project sketches and feel that they are good, but most were not too sure how most sketches would impact communities' quality of water outside of treatment and projects like South Gate. The laity and members of the group were more concerned where LA County's Measure W is at and how they can participate.

For this meeting, we had breakout groups and reconvened to review each group's views. No pictures, just conversation as most were not too interested in being recorded or named. It was another example of how many have views, but do not want to be on record. It is very interesting and a hope to overcome the fear people have so we can get some real work done.

It is a blessing to be able to meet with these groups, but we must work harder at getting them to engage. Therefore, trust building is needed at every level.