

Post Event Summary

Event: WaterTalk North Hills

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| IRWM Region | Greater Los Angeles County | Date and Time | October 5, 2019 8:00 AM |
| Community Engagement Partner | TreePeople | Location | Valor Academy Middle School 9034 Burnet Ave North Hills, CA 91343 |
| Event Facilitator Contact | Stephen Ceasar | Community Member Attendance | Under 18 years old: (6-10) Over 18 years old: (11-20) |
| Event Facilitator Contact Email | sceasar@treepeople.org | Water Service Provider Attendance | The city of North Hills was not able to attend. |

The North Hills WaterTalk took place during the Valor Community Cleanup at Valor Academy Middle School. Throughout the event, participants cleaned up the community while learning about the role water plays in their community. The attendees were predominantly Latinx, Spanish-speaking, families, and local community members. Around 10 of the attendees were under the age of eighteen and around 20 were over the age of eighteen. During the cleanup, TreePeople staff used the provided toolkit to speak to the community members on wastewater, stormwater, stormwater capture systems, and the impacts these have on community health. Due to the nature of a cleanup, much of the focus was on waste management regarding litter, recycling, and trash, educating the attendees on where the trash goes due to poor stormwater capture systems. TreePeople staff additionally spoke on the benefits of trees on capturing stormwater, pollution, and overall community health. Many of the community members asked questions and were engaged with TreePeople staff throughout the cleanup event. Feedback on the event was positive, with the majority of attendees stating they enjoyed learning about the impacts of water and the benefits of trees on their health. Additionally, attendees stated they would like to continue to participate in upcoming WaterTalks.