

Event: Glendale Listening Session

IRWM Region	Greater LA County	Date and Time	6/30/2021 6:00:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	TreePeople	Location	Virtual for Glendale
Event Facilitator Contact	Annakaren Ramirez	Community Attendance	9
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Description:

Residents were given a brief overview of the WaterTalks program. They were then asked to share about 1) their communities strengths, 2) community needs and 3) water related issues.

Questions / Comments:

Community strengths include a new Sustainability Commission and Glendale Environmental Coalition, both of which are bringing environmental issues to forefront; proximity to green space - Verdugo Mountains, Deukmejian, Brand Park, Griffith Park, LA River. Glendale's city government is moving toward many more sustainable initiatives, which I'm happy to see, good school district overall. Many walkable residential neighborhoods, many library branches and multiple municipal community centers; long history of strong civic volunteerism. Needs and concerns include that better engagement is needed with minority communities and multi-family residences; lack of public transit, not supportive of Black folks in particular. Several unwalkable neighborhoods, inequitable park space, lots of freeway noise from freeways crisscrossing; inadequate infrastructure for population growth, particularly in area of transit.