

Training Event Summary

Event: Canyon Country Community Center Tour

Intended Audience	Community organizations and leaders	Date and Time	2023.04.19 10am - 12pm
Producer / Facilitator	TreePeople	Event Format	In person
IRWM Region	Upper Santa Clara River	Number of Participants	20

Event Summary:

This tour was a follow up to online workshops in the USCR IRWM Region for Community members, held Feb. 23 2023, called Water Projects from the Community View, and provided an example of a community-inspired, IRWM-funded project. The Community Center includes an underground infiltration system under the parking area that captures and cleans stormwater before sending it to the aquifer. The community center provides many services to this otherwise under-served area of Santa Clarita. Presentations on WaterTalks and the history of this project were given inside the Center, followed by a tour outside to discuss how the stormwater capture works. Participants were not able to go underground to view the infiltration structure due to the level of harmful gases when they opened up the system. However, they were able to witness the City of Santa Clarita maintenance crew conducting maintenance that included sucking out trash in part of the underground catchment. We also were able to view the large pipes underground via a Facetime connection with one of the crew that was equipped to go underground. City staff were wonderful and loved sharing about their work. The participants were completely engaged and asked thoughtful questions. Some of the remarks about the tour included:

- *Amazed at the amount of water that has already been captured and infiltrated (47 million gallons)*
- *Had no idea about the effort that goes into making something like this happen - the steps, people involved, money, planning, etc.*
- *Loved the collaborative nature of it all that works to save the environment.*
- *Sun Valley projects (San Fernando Valley) were the model for this site. They learned from the success and struggles of the work done in Sun Valley to perfect what they needed to make happen on this site.*



WaterTalks Education Series Upper Santa Clara River

**WATER
talks**

On-Site Tours

An Opportunity to See Water Treatment Sites Firsthand!

Tour #1 – Canyon Country Community Center: A unique opportunity to see an underground infiltration system that captures, treats and infiltrates stormwater runoff from Sierra Highway while learning about the funding and planning process that made it happen.

Tour #2 – Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant: Join SCV Water for a special tour of their site to see how water imported from the State Water Project aqueduct, through Castaic Lake, is treated and managed.

Hosted by: **TreePeople**

Canyon Country Community Center

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Registration: [Here](#)

Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Time: 10 am to 11:30 am

Registration: [Here](#)

