



Workshop Series

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WORKSHOP 2 RESOURCES: **Community Engaged Planning**

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| 1 Report: The Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership – Facilitating Power | This report outlines how to understand the spectrum (from marginalization to community ownership) within local contexts and how to apply them to planning and goal setting, policy development, and community campaign development. | CLICK HERE |
| 2 Report: Guiding Principles for Equitable Engagement in Coordinated Planning – Smart Growth California | This report presents a set of recommendations and strategies to redefine what equitable and authentic engagement means for governments. The guiding principles outlined in the report will require policy-makers to adjust established policy frameworks with a focus on building local community capacity and providing the resources and support necessary for marginalized groups to be active participants in governmental processes. | CLICK HERE |
| 3 Report: Solving Water Challenges in Disadvantaged Communities: A Handbook to Understanding the Issues in California and Best Practices for Engagement – Water Education Foundation | The Water Education Foundation's handbook is a resource that was created for anyone in, or involved with communities throughout the state that have historically struggled to make their water resource needs known to agencies with the ability to help. The handbook emphasizes the importance of being cognizant of labels and descriptions when working with communities. the report notes that engaging members of disadvantaged communities as part of an integrated process can be difficult, and as such it highlights the following topics as essential in engaging these communities: communication, fostering engagement, assessing needs, and building trust. | CLICK HERE |
| 4 Report: Guidance for Engaging Communities During Development of Early Action Plans – State Water Resources Control Board; Central Valley Nitrate Control Program | The document, released by the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Public Participation, provides the agency's staff with recommendations for community engagement actions that ensures affected communities are informed of and given the opportunity to participate in the development of Early Action Plans. These are broken down into four guiding principles and a further four key elements for successfully engaging communities. | CLICK HERE |
| 5 Report: Community Engagement Toolkit – Collective Impact Forum | The Collective Impact Forum's Community Engagement Toolkit provides readers with an overview of twelve tools for community engagement to guide groups step by step through the process of building community engagement in a community. | CLICK HERE |

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| <p>6 Report: Building Blocks of Trust – River Network; WaterNow Alliance</p> | <p>The report, created by the River Network and the WaterNow Alliance to support the development of trusting, authentic, and constructive relationships between community organizations and water utilities. Over 95% of water infrastructure investment vital to protecting communities and waterways occurs at the local level. As such, strong and authentic relationships between local community groups and water systems, built on trust, are vital to achieving equitable and sustainable water systems and supporting public investment in water infrastructure. In the pursuit of these relationships, the report outlines eight foundational best practices and building blocks.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>7 Database: Safe, Clean Water Program Spatial Data Library – Safe Clean Water Program</p> | <p>Data resource to get geographic information on the Safe Clean Water Program.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>8 Calendar: Redesign LA: Project Funding Opportunities Calendar – Redesign LA</p> | <p>Robust calendar of funding opportunities and grant deadlines.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>9 Website: Toolbox Dialogue Initiative – Michigan State University</p> | <p>The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative is a consulting and research group based at Michigan State University that includes members from ten US universities. We facilitate collaborative capacity building with partners around the world, and we investigate the practice of collaborative research, including team science, with an emphasis on understanding cross-disciplinarity and knowledge production.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>10 Website: National Charrette Institute – Michigan State University</p> | <p>The National Charrette Institute is dedicated to transforming the way people work together by building capacity for collaboration by design.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>11 Website: EPA's Public Participation Guide – US EPA</p> | <p>EPA's Public Participation Guide provides tools for public participation and public outreach in environmental decision-making.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>12 Article: What is the Spectrum of Public Participation? – Sustaining Community</p> | <p>The Spectrum of Public Participation model was developed by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) to help clarify the role of the public (or community) in planning and decision-making, and how much influence the community has over planning or decision-making processes. It identifies five levels of public participation (or community engagement).</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |

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| <p>13 Dissertation: The Role of Community Participation for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Development – Clemson University</p> | <p>Research to understand the role of community participation in green stormwater infrastructure development through an in-depth, descriptive case study.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>14 Report: Community Planning Toolkit - Community Engagement – Community Places</p> | <p>This section of the toolkit provides guidance on the issues to consider when planning and designing community engagement. It focuses on quality and effectiveness, process planning and designing engagement tailored to the particular issue, level of participation to be achieved, timeframe and range of stakeholders affected</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>15 Report: #OurWaterOurVoice: Toward Equitable Implementation of Los Angeles Country's Safe Clean Water Program – SCOPE: Strategic Community Agenda</p> | <p>This report provides a suite of recommendations across three areas: 1. Advance implementation of SCWP educational programs., 2. Amend definition of DAC benefit. 3. Create a DAC mapping platform.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>16 Report: Climate Equity from the Grassroots: Aligning State and Local Priorities with a Community Vision from SCOPE – SCOPE: Strategic Community Agenda</p> | <p>This case study was produced by the Los Angeles Equity Alliance—an alliance of community organizations, advocates, and environmental justice groups with membership bases in South Los Angeles neighborhoods—in an effort to build broad support for equitable investment, from cap-and-trade and other public funding sources, in low-income and communities of color. This case study is the first in a series of publications documenting the development of a community-driven vision for climate equity in South Los Angeles.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |
| <p>17 Report: Community Stabilization Toolkit – Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan</p> | <p>The Community Stabilization Toolkit identifies methods to protect the existing river-adjacent communities so the implementation of revitalization projects will bring positive change and allow the existing communities to realize the benefits of revitalization of the river. Utilizing the policies and programs in the Community Stabilization Toolkit could help to improve community-developer relationships and trust, ensure financial transparency during development, keep community-generated investment in the community, and create a stable inventory of affordable housing. The Toolkit also highlights programs which support and promote new local businesses and provide workforce training. While the policies and programs in the Community Stabilization Toolkit are not mandatory the benefits of applying appropriate methods of the toolkit will be crucial to ensure the long-term success of the Plan.</p> | <p>CLICK HERE</p> |



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| 18 Presentation: Bay Conservation and Development Commission’s CBO Matchmaking Tool and Meaningful Involvement Guide – San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission | Objective: To provide permitting staff as well as permit applicants with a tool they can refer to for guidance on meaningful community engagement. The tool is not legally binding, but a collection of best practices. | |
| 19 Journal Article: Health and Stormwater Equity: Ensuring equity in stormwater management –Stormwater – The Journal for Surface Water and Erosion Control Professionals | Ensuring equity in stormwater management and green infrastructure in Los Angeles County featuring the Prevention Institute. | |

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