



Post-Implementation & Reassessing in a Time of Crisis

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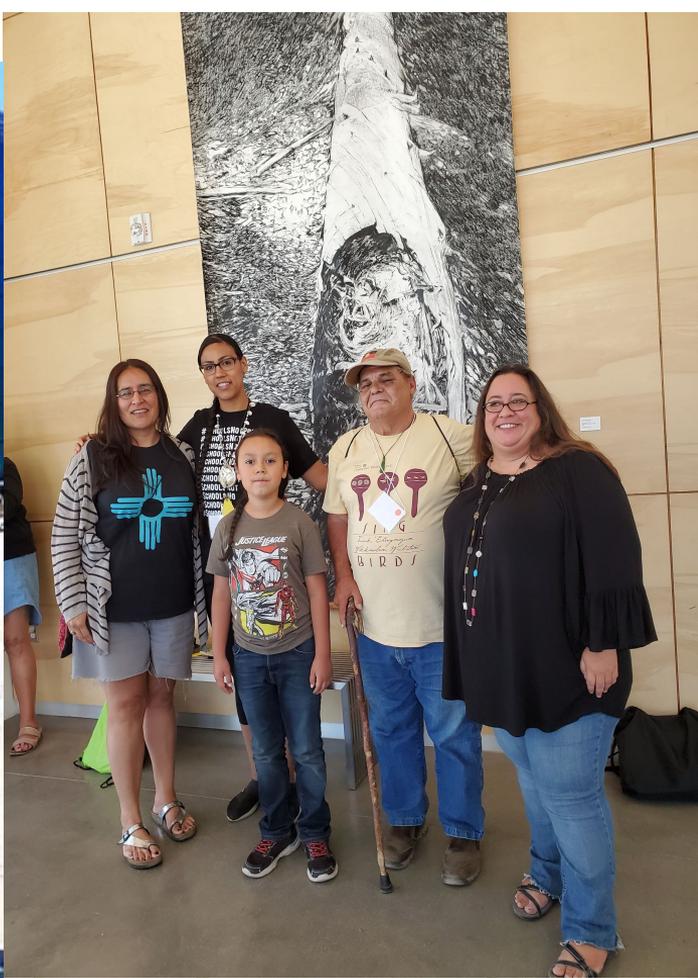
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**Water and Our
Collective
History**



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**Run Down the Runoff:
Assessing the Impacts of
Dry Weather Urban Runoff
in Southeast and
East Los Angeles By Iris
Verduzco and Jocelyn Del
Real Jimenez**

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Since organizing the first Southern California Tribal Water Forum in 2013, SPI has been working with Native Nations in Southern California to build the capacity of tribal community members to actively engage in watershed planning in their homelands.

Over the past two years we've conducted multiple Tribal Listening sessions in Orange County and Los Angeles County and distributed over 100 tribal

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WATER TALKS
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WaterTalks

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**1 in person Water
Talks session in West
Long Beach**



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2 in person Water Talks

**Planning for the future
of our Orit / Paayme
Paxaayta**

**-Aquarium of the
Pacific**

-Los Palmas Park

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COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACTS ON OUR COMMUNITY

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- Housing and food insecurity
- Reduced hours and loss of Employment
- Mental Health challenges with isolation and physical distancing
- Youth: challenges with virtual learning transition
- Elders: challenges and lack of access to technology
- COVID-19 and Race
 - racecounts.org



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Our community members are experiencing

- Housing and food insecurity
- Loss of Employment
- No access to healthcare
- Lack of childcare
- Lack of internet or technology accesses
- Inability to access plant medicine and sacred sites including fresh and coastal waters
- Mental health struggles

Community Sessions and Collaborations

- ELA, SELA, LB and Youth Membership Meetings
- Collaborative Film Screening and Discussion
- Focus on procuring resources for tribal community members



FILM SCREENING + PANEL

JOIN ANNIE MENDOZA (TONGVA
NATIVE AND "THE AQUEDUCT
BETWEEN US" FILM MAKER) AND
CINDY SANTOYO (COMPTON
COLLECTIVE) IN CONVERSATION
ABOUT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
AND IT'S IMPACTS ON NATIVE
COMMUNITIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA
AND PEOPLE OF COLOR IN URBAN
CITIES.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST
4 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:
841 2093 5766



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AJUNTESE A LA CONVERSACION ENTRE
ANNIE MENDOZA (CINEASTA NATIVA DE
TONGVA Y "EL ACUEDUCTO ENTRE
NOSOTROS") Y CINDY SANTOYO (COMPTON
COLLECTIVE) SOBRE LA INFRAESTRUCTURA
DEL AGUA Y SUS IMPACTOS EN LAS
COMUNIDADES NATIVAS DE CALIFORNIA Y
LAS PERSONAS DE COLOR EN CIUDADES
URBANAS.

CRIBADO DE PELÍCULA + PANEL



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- Accessibility:
 - Information on Water Agencies
 - Access to Water Quality Reports for tenants
 - Language/Interpretation
 - Understanding Water Quality Reports
- Concerns:
 - Water Quality, lack of trust
 - Industrial contamination to water system
 - Water cost and rates disparity
- Areas of Interest:
 - Community led water testing and water monitoring to build trust, transparency and accountability
 - Supporting and uplifting indigenous struggles in relation to water

- Accessibility:
 - Information provided for Water Talks do not include Indigenous representation (History/maps)
 - Language doesn't respect water as a life force
- Concerns:
 - Lack of trust with State/local water agencies
 - No respect for indigenous sovereignty, governance and decision making authority
 - Impact to health of homelands with new projects
- Areas of Interest:
 - Equal Representation for Tribes in Local Watershed Management Governance Structures and on all Decision-Making Bodies.
 - Recognition of local tribes as full partners in ideas, and programs, especially in stewardship programs Related to the Watershed
 - Prioritize Spaces for Tribal Cultural and Ceremonial Use Within and Along the Rivers. Plans for Open Space and Parks should consider and prioritize multiple types of access, including spaces where tribal community members can gather clean, safe, pesticide-free plant materials without fear of harassment from private security, local homeowners or police.

We are still in the midst of a pandemic. Genuine and meaningful engagement is difficult.



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**Thank
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