



COMMUNITY WATER CENTER

EL CENTRO COMUNITARIO POR EL AGUA

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Highlight 1: CWC Opens Watsonville Office

CWC co-directors, organizing, policy, communications, translation, technical, and admin staff are all working in the Central Coast. Photo in Plaza next to Watsonville Office during CWC's Annual Staff Planning Day (Nov 2018).

PROCLAIM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY POLICY THAT:

EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS THE RIGHT TO SAFE, CLEAN, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE WATER ADEQUATE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, COOKING AND SANITARY PURPOSES AND THAT THIS RIGHT IS EXTENDED TO ALL RESIDENTS OF MONTEREY COUNTY INCLUDING DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.



Highlight 2: CWC supports Monterey County's Human Right to Water Policy, Dec 2018

Susana De Anda, Co-ED and Co-Founder of CWC addressed the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, emphasizing water quality concerns in north Monterey County where CWC hosted a community meeting the evening before.

 Community Water Center was live — at Monterey County Board of Supervisors.
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Monterey County is the first county in the nation to commit to the Human Right to Water, ensuring that all residents have safe and affordable drinking water. / Estamos muy contentos porque el Condado de Monterey es el primer Condado en la nación que manifiesta su compromiso político para garantizar el Derecho Humano al Agua.

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CWC has been interviewed three times by Radio Bilingue in the Central Coast since our office opened in September.



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Highlight 3: Organizing for Community-Driven Solutions in north Monterey County

Selected the Bluff, Jensen, and Springfield area in north Monterey County as focus area based on very high nitrate levels and needs. Photo: Community meeting or platica at community members house in this neighborhood (Dec 2018)



Highlight 3: Organizing for Community-Driven Solutions in north Monterey County

Door-to-door canvassing to every residence, hosting monthly community meetings, connected with 28 community members in person. Photo: CWC Staff at Ohlone Elementary School in North Monterey County before platica.



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Past Events

Date	Event Title	Location
DEC 21	Posada Comunitaria en Bluff/Jensen - Com...	Community Water Center, Visalia, CA
DEC 17	AGUA Coalition Meeting/Junta De La Coalic...	900 W. Oak Ave., Visalia, CA
DEC 11	E. Orosi residents to talk about consolidati...	Iglesia La Paz, Orosi, CA
DEC 3	¿Cuál es la calidad de su agua? - 1er Plática...	Ohlone Elementary, Watsonville, CA
MAY 3	Candidate Forum - Senate Dist. 14 & BoS 4	41815 Road 128, Orosi, CA
APR 26	Candidate Forum - Assembly Dist. 26 & Bo...	466 E Putnam Ave, Porterville, CA

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Photos: Platica at Ohlone Elementary School, and screenshot of Event Page on CWC's facebook account including all community meetings and events.



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CWC has also facilitated the testing of six wells in the Bluff, Jensen, Springfield area. Photo: Regional Water Board staff, Community Member, CWC staff, and Tetra Tech staff testing well on 1/22/19.



Highlight 4: Extending CWC's groundwater work to Central Coast, collaborating with regional partners

- Expanded the reach CWC groundwater team's work to the Central Coast.
- CWC staff participate in the Salinas Valley Basin GSP meetings.
- CWC on EJ panel for Ag Order 4.0 at the Sept. Regional Board Meeting.

Photo: Groundwater Quality and SGMA Roundtable in Visalia (Nov 2018)



2019 Priority 1: Building community power and engaged leadership (1)

Start to establish a regional network or coalition of residents from different communities impacted by drinking water contamination based on successful AGUA Coalition and/or Community Water Leaders Network. Photo of AGUA Coalition in San Joaquin Valley.



2019 Priority 2: Safe & Affordable Drinking Water Solutions

- Organizing for community-driven water solutions
- Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund
- Assessing and tracking community need and vulnerability



2019 Priority 3: Protecting Groundwater

- Continue to participate in the Salinas Valley Basin GSA and GSP meetings as part of CWC's overall groundwater strategy.
- Submit written comments on GSP chapters focused on drinking water for DACs
- Continue to participate in the Ag Order 4.0 public process.



2019 Priority 4: Building Sustainability

- 2019 Financial Outlook
- Potential New Funding Sources
- Staff Training

Photo from Somos el Cambio and el Poder Event in Visalia in October 2018

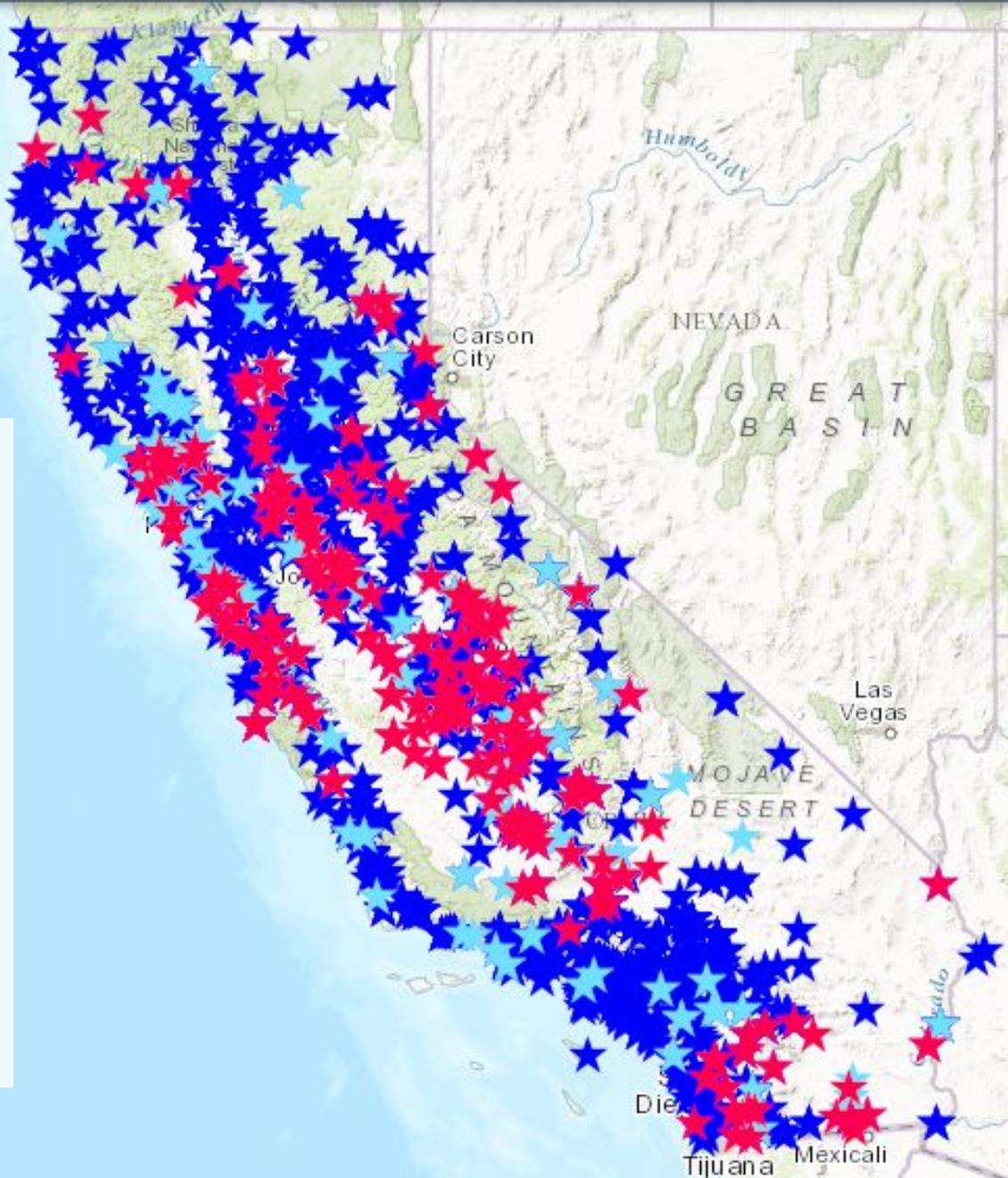
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... Because clean water is a human right, not a privilege.



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→ More than **one million** people impacted

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