

WaterTalks For Agencies and Electeds



Workshop 3: Pure Water Southern California – Tour of Demonstration Plant in Carson, CA

Thursday, May 11th | 10AM – 1PM | In-Person

Tour Leader Bios:



Rupam Soni

Community Relations Team Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Rupam Soni is a Community Relations Team Manager with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. She is responsible for serving as a community liaison and engaging the public for many Metropolitan facilities, initiatives, and infrastructure projects. Much of her work involves outreach for the Pure Water Southern California, Metropolitan's first in-region water supply. She is dedicated to making a difference in California's water future through her work.

Rupam is an active member of the WaterReuse Association and has a leadership role in their Communications Collaborative Group. Rupam is also a member of the Board of Advisors for Grades of Green, an environmental nonprofit organization.

Rupam has over 20 years of work experience in the water and wastewater industries. She is a registered Civil Engineer and has a B.S. from UCLA and a M.S. from UC Berkeley in Civil Engineering.



Ivonne Castillo

Senior Public Affairs Representative, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Ivonne Castillo has been with the Metropolitan Water District of So CA for 9 years. She's a Senior Public Affairs Representative working closely with communities to advance Metropolitan's infrastructure projects from construction activities to the Pure Water Southern California Program. Ivonne is a native Spanish speaker, she also serves as a liaison to Metropolitan's Spanish-speaking communities. She's active in Metropolitan's Hispanic Employees Association, previously served as an officer and taking on many other leadership roles. Ivonne has a B.A. in Journalism from Humboldt State University.