West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage

King County Wastewater Treatment

El Mercadito Event Summary

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Project Overview

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is preparing to build a wet weather storage tank to reduce water pollution from the South Park and Highland Park drainage basins into the Duwamish River. The storage tank will be near the First Avenue South Bridge at the southeast corner of Southwest Michigan Street and Second Avenue Southwest.

With construction expected to start later this year, the project team is planning to attend more community events in South Park and Highland Park. To share more about project activities and upcoming construction.

Event Format

El Mercadito is a South Park summer event series hosted by Cultivate South Park. El Mercadito provides a unique opportunity to reach community members at a farmers market focused on food justice and celebrating neighborhood traditions. The project team hosted an information booth at the outdoor market on July 14th from 4-7 p.m. The event provided an opportunity to share information about the West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage project, upcoming construction, and King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) workforce development opportunities.

Project booth at El Mercadito

The project team shared project fact sheets, FAQs, giveaways, and workforce development handouts. Event staff engaged with attendees in both English and Spanish, and distributed project materials in both languages.

Engagement summary

The project team engaged with **52** attendees throughout the event. Generally, participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to connect with the project team, as well as excitement about the project goals. Several people expressed appreciation for the workforce development and project information being available at the project booth in both English and Spanish. Participants also asked questions about the following topics:

- The project timeline and site location
- Other efforts to clean up the Duwamish River
- Opportunities for professional development with King County

Project team interacting with the community