



## About the Community Water Center (CWC)

CWC seeks to ensure that all communities have access to safe, clean and affordable water. Our mission is to create community-driven water solutions through organizing, education and advocacy in California's San Joaquin Valley.

### **CWC uses three primary strategies to accomplish our goals:**

- Educate, organize and provide legal assistance to low-income, communities of color facing local water challenges.
- Advocate for systemic change to address the root causes of unsafe drinking water in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Serve as a resource for information and expertise on community water challenges.

### **CWC Programs**

CWC works directly with low-income, primarily Latino communities to address problems that range from chronic drinking water contamination to barriers to participation in local water governance. This community work provides the foundation for CWC's two programs.

#### ***Protecting Groundwater from the Ground Up***

This program aims to improve the quality of groundwater used as a source of drinking water in the San Joaquin Valley. Our work focuses on the coordination and development of the AGUA coalition and its campaign for groundwater protection, particularly from the sources of nitrate contamination.

#### ***Water Democratization***

This program aims to ensure communities have a voice in water planning, policy and in decision-making that affects whether they have access to reliable, affordable water supply. Our work focuses on engaging communities in water infrastructure planning and funding processes, and eliminating barriers to community participation.

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*Because clean water is a **human right**, NOT a privilege*

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