THE FIGHT FOR WATER RIGHTS

The BiReed Institute held a Water Resilien ce forum on March 24 to discuss California’s gaps in water infrastructure, smart water management and the future of water innovation.

Community Build President Robert Saucedo spoke on behalf of Greenbelt, a statewide network of over 32 agencies that have come together to bring voice to the conversation about clean, safe drinking water and innovation.

“Today, a hand and a fly have more water rights than people, moreover, people of color throughout California,” Saucedo said.

“I’m here because Community Build does all the social service work, but if we’re not at the table for water rights, we’re certainly going to be on the menu,” Saucedo said. “Greenbelt wants to bring innovative thinking, out of the box conversations that aren’t being had and bring some voice from the community to this conversation in such a way that maybe we create additional flinters to help the work that is being done.”

COMMUNITY BUILD CALLS OUT ‘A STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY EMERGENCY’ IN SOUTH LA

Community Build President Robert Saucedo and community leaders held a press conference to call attention to a food insecurity emergency in South Los Angeles.

Presenters Robert Marshall, Deveron Williams, Denver Doug Johnson, Albert Moore, Keisha Johnson, Jynna Naife and Mario Chaves stood before the microphones to discuss the importance of supporting food security.

Over the three-day stint, Community Build, Inc., with the help of community partners Wish and Groomee’s Outreach, distributed over 3,000 meals.

Saucedo said many of these families rely upon the food access of the school systems though there is less need of the day for many children.

“We have to make sure the economy of us doesn’t interfere with the humanity of us,” Saucedo said.

BLACK STUNT WORKERS HONOR LA CIVIL RIGHTS CHAMPION

Capri Maddox

In a salute to Women’s History Month, the Black Shuttles and Women’s Association (BSWA), presented an honorary membership to Capri Maddox, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights). The presentation was hosted by Community Build, Inc., former Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Maddox to the newly created Department in February 2020 in his Executive Director to address systemic racism and bias in all areas of employment and housing.

“We’re making her an honorary member of the Black Shuttles and Women’s Association for her ability to defend the underserved and still lead on her feet,” said BSA President Alex Brown, a strategist for over 30 years, who presented Maddox.

The BSA also bestowed Community Build President Robert Saucedo with an honorary membership for his fight for equity and inclusion. “Robert Saucedo has been tirelessly leading in the battle to make our community a better place,” said Brown. “He may not be jumping out of burning buildings, but he and his team have been putting our community first and we want to recognize him for that.”