

# Mid-County Groundwater Stakeholder Meeting


Second Meeting  
July 8, 2014

# Meetings are Sponsored by:




- ▶ Basin Implementation Group (BIG) is a joint exercise of powers between Central Water District and Soquel Creek Water District


# Overview of Second Meeting

- ▶ Purpose of Meetings and topics to be covered
  - ▶ Ground Rules
  - ▶ Updates
    - Basin Management Activities
    - Pending state Legislation
  - ▶ **Hydrology of the Basin: what we know and what are working on: Cameron Tana, Hydrometrics**
  - ▶ Opportunities for assistance to measure and reduce water use: Angie Gruys, Resource Conservation district
  - ▶ Questions about the basin
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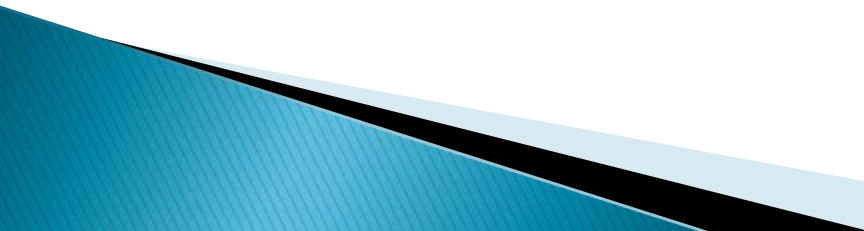
# Purpose of Groundwater Stakeholder Meetings

- ▶ Convene Mid-County groundwater basin users in a series of discussions.
  - ▶ Share information about groundwater hydrology, groundwater rights, water use efficiency, basin sustainability and management approaches.
  - ▶ Develop common understanding of issues.
  - ▶ Develop recommendations for basin protection and management strategies.
  - ▶ Address the role and responsibilities of non-agency groundwater pumpers.
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# Meetings – Tentative topics

- ▶ May 13: Overview of basin conditions and management
  - ▶ July 8: Detail on basin hydrology and issues
  - ▶ September 9: State and local groundwater law and new approaches to management
  - ▶ November 25: Examples of stakeholders and agencies working together: Pajaro Valley and Community Water Dialog
  - ▶ January 13: Develop recommendations for improved mid-county basin management
  - ▶ What would you like to hear more about or discuss?
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# Meeting Ground Rules

- ▶ Promote exchange of information and discussion of ideas.
  - ▶ Do not accuse or blame, or dwell on past actions.
  - ▶ Staff will be developing recommendations to Boards based on ideas presented and discussions at meetings.
  - ▶ Committee members are encouraged to provide input directly to Boards during their deliberation.
  - ▶ Ultimately decisions on basin management will be made by the Boards, with potential opportunities for votes as prescribed by law (Water Code, Prop 218)
  - ▶ Generally will have opportunity for discussion and questions on topics at hand throughout the meeting, with general discussion at the end.
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# Updates on Basin Management

- ▶ State Legislation: SB 1168, AB 1739
  - Requires Sustainable Management Plan by 2020
  - Provides power to meter, allocate, charge fees
  - If local agencies don't manage, State will
- ▶ Mid-County Basin Management Group likely to expand from Soquel and Central Districts to include City of Santa Cruz, County and Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
- ▶ Soquel District declares groundwater emergency, need for additional efforts to reduce pumping