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Groundwater is a vital resource, together let's protect it.

January 2017

Monthly Message.....

The purpose of these emails is to provide an update to the groundwater management activities in the Santa Cruz Mid-County region and inform our community about events and meetings of the MGA. Please visit our website www.midcountygroundwater.org to access MGA Board meeting materials (agendas, packets, and minutes).



This month's email highlights:

- Stanford Case Study Report
- January 19 Board Meeting CANCELLED, Next Meeting is March 23
- Drop-In Hours on Thursday, January 19 at 6 – 8pm
- Agricultural and Commercial Well Owner Meeting
- Message from Darcy Pruitt
- 'Tell a Friend' initiative to build our email subscriber list

Upcoming Events:

Jan 19: [CANCELLED Board Meeting](#)

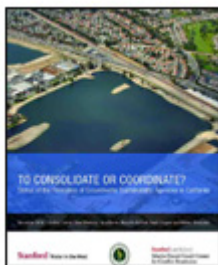
Jan 19: [Drop-in Hours](#)

Jan 31: [Agricultural and Commercial Well Owner Meeting](#)

February 16: [Drop-in Hours](#)

March 16: [Board Meeting](#)

Stanford University Case Study Report



This past summer the MGA participated as a case study for a Stanford report, [To Consolidate or Coordinate: Status of the Formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in California](#).

Key findings of the report include:

- As of October 31, a total of 106 entities had submitted notices to serve as GSAs, covering all or part of 81 basins. The vast majority of these notices came from single agencies rather than collaborations between multiple agencies, and over a third had voluntary groundwater management plans in place prior to SGMA.

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- GSAs that were overlapping or not yet exclusive and 28 had incomplete coverage.
- Only one basin – the Santa Cruz Mid-County basin – is being governed by a newly created governance structure involving multiple agencies.
 - The 81 basins in which GSA notices had been submitted by October 31 included 51 high- and medium-priority basins and 30 low and very low-priority basins. The analysis of the number and type of agencies forming GSAs (Section 5.1) includes GSA notices in all basins. The analysis of basin coverage (Sections 5.2 and 5.3) focuses only on high- and medium-priority basins, where GSAs must be formed by June 30, 2017, in order to avoid state intervention.

January 19 Board Meeting Cancelled



This January board meeting has been cancelled.
The next meeting is March 23.

MGA Drop-In Hours on January 19



[Come chat with representatives from the MGA](#) about groundwater issues in our region and the local efforts being made to comply with the 2014 CA Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Date: January 19
Location: Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, California
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

Agricultural and Commercial Well Owner Meeting



Commercial and agricultural well water users within the Mid-County are likely to be impacted by the development and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Mid-County Basin. Now is the time to learn about the process and how to get involved.

Date: January 31
Location: Congregational Church of Soquel
4951 Soquel Drive, Soquel, 95073
Time: 7 pm – 9 pm

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Hi everyone, I am Pam Darcy Pruitt, the new senior planner supporting the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency. I will help lead a local, collaborative effort to create the Mid-County Groundwater Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan that is required by California laws that took effect in 2015.

I am a scientist, planner and land use attorney that lives locally in Aptos with my seven year old daughter. I've worked on environmental planning, land use and regulatory projects in California for over 20 years and have a

bachelor's of science in urban and regional planning from Cal Poly Pomona, a law degree from UC Davis and I'm a member of the California State Bar.

I have implemented new federal and state planning laws in my work for large public clients at the Port of Long Beach and Vandenberg Air Force Base as well as for large and small private land owners. These past work experiences have helped me understand the impacts that new legal requirements have on different individuals.

I am excited to meet all of the people who have a stake in planning the Mid-County Groundwater Basin. I know how important it is to learn from the people who share this most valuable resource. Water is life!

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Ask Us!



Please let us know what questions you have so that we can make sure to answer them! Email your questions to [Sierra Ryan](#) and we will incorporate them into the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) page](#) of the website.

The Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency (MGA) is a joint partnership between the County of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, Central Water District, the City of Santa Cruz and private well-owner representatives to meet the mandates of the State's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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