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

March 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:

- Drop-In Hours, March 16
- MGA Board Meeting, March 16
- Santa Cruz Joint City Council and Water Commission Meeting, March 14
- Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency is Underway
- Soquel Creek Water District Coastal Monitoring Well Demonstration
- California Department of Water Resources
- Register for Two Free Workshops
- 'Tell a Friend' initiative to build our email subscriber list

Upcoming Events:

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

March 16: [Board Meeting](#)

April 20: [Drop-in Hours](#)



MGA Drop-In Hours on March, 16

[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: March 16 **Time:** 6 pm – 7 pm

Location: Simpkins Family Swim Center, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz

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Please join us for the next MGA Board meeting! To access the MGA agenda and packet information, visit our [website](#).

Date: March 16 **Time:** 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: Simpkins Family Swim Center, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz



Santa Cruz Joint City Council and Water Commission Meeting

The Water Commission and the City Council will receive an update on progress made to secure Santa Cruz's water supply. In December of 2015, the City Council approved a set of agreements and recommendations made by the Water Supply Advisory Committee (WSAC). Join us to learn about progress made by the Water Department on each recommendation.

Date: March 14

Time: 7 pm

Location: Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz



Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Our neighbor, the Santa Margarita groundwater basin is in the process of forming the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency. Their first kickoff meeting was last week. Read about it in the [Sentinel](#). Visit their website

at smgwa.org.



Coastal Monitoring Well Demonstration

Join Soquel Creek Water District for a free Coastal Monitoring Well Demonstration on Friday, May 12th at 12:30. To learn more and to register visit www.soquelcreekwater.org/waterwise.

CA Department of Water Resources

The State of California Department of Water Resources has a great resource about groundwater. [Visit their website](#) to learn about groundwater basics, see maps and reports and learn about the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

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Free Workshops! Register Now!

Runoff as a Resource

March 23, 2017 • 8:30 – 11:30am

Using local examples, this training will provide detailed information on the latest specifications, design, options, permits and maintenance for pervious concrete and dry well installations.

Register at www.rodsantacruz.org or call 831-464-2950 x2 for more information.

Convert Lawn into a Garden!

April 15, 2017 • 10am – 1pm

Learn easy and low-cost methods to convert your lawn into a beautiful, low-water use garden. Register at green-gardner.org



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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.

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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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