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

**May 2017**

**This month's email highlights:**

- MGA Drop-in Hours, May 18th
- MGA Board Meeting, May 18th
- SGMA Definitions and Groundwater Glossary
- Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation
- May 7-13 is Drinking Water Week!
- Soquel Creek Water District Coastal Monitoring Well Demonstration
- Groundwater is Cool Video
- 'Tell a Friend' initiative to build our email subscriber list



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](http://www.midcountygroundwater.org) to access MGA Board meeting materials (agendas, packets, and minutes).

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 18: [Drop-In Hours](#)
- May 18: [Board Meeting](#)
- June 15: [Drop-in Hours](#)

**MGA Drop-In Hours**

Come and chat with representatives from the newly formed Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency about groundwater issues in our region and the local efforts being made to comply with the 2014 CA Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.



**Date:** May 18 **Time:** 6 pm – 7 pm  
**Location:** Simpkins Family Swim Center, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz

**MGA Board Meeting on May 18th**

Please join us for the next MGA Board meeting! It will include a discussion of the proposed planning process, schedule, and structure to establish a committee to develop the agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). If approved by the MGA

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rate payers within the Mid-County Basin boundaries.

To view the MGA agenda and packet information, visit <http://www.midcountygroundwater.org/committee-meetings>.



**Date:** May 18 **Time:** 7 pm – 9 pm

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

## SGMA Definitions and Groundwater Glossary

SGMA provided California with a roadmap for sustainably managing our groundwater, and it also came with its own lexicon. Looking for the definition of “Undesirable result” or “De minimis extractor”? It’s right [here](#). Additional important groundwater terms and definitions are included in the Groundwater Information Center’s [Groundwater Glossary](#).



## Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation

As of May 2, 2017:

- 88 local agencies (including coordinated efforts by a combination of local agencies) have submitted GSA formation notifications.
  - Many local agencies have submitted multiple notifications in multiple basins.
- The 188 local agencies account for 301 separate areas in 115 basins.
- Of the 301 separate areas:
  - 127 are exclusive GSA areas;
  - 71 have a non-overlapped notification within a 90-day period; and
  - 103 have overlap to resolve.
- Of the 115 basins that are partially or completely covered by GSA notifications:
  - 31 basins are low or very-low priority.
  - 84 basins are medium or high priority and are subject to SGMA requirements.
- Most of the overlapping GSA notifications are expected to resolve the overlap prior to June 30, 2017.
- Most counties have stated they will become the GSA in the unmanaged areas of a high- or medium-priority basin if needed.
- All GSA notifications can be submitted, viewed, and managed within the SGMA Portal: <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#gsa>



## May 7–13 is Drinking Water Week!

Did you know that tap water provides us with a low-cost way to stay hydrated, is important for public health and fire protection,

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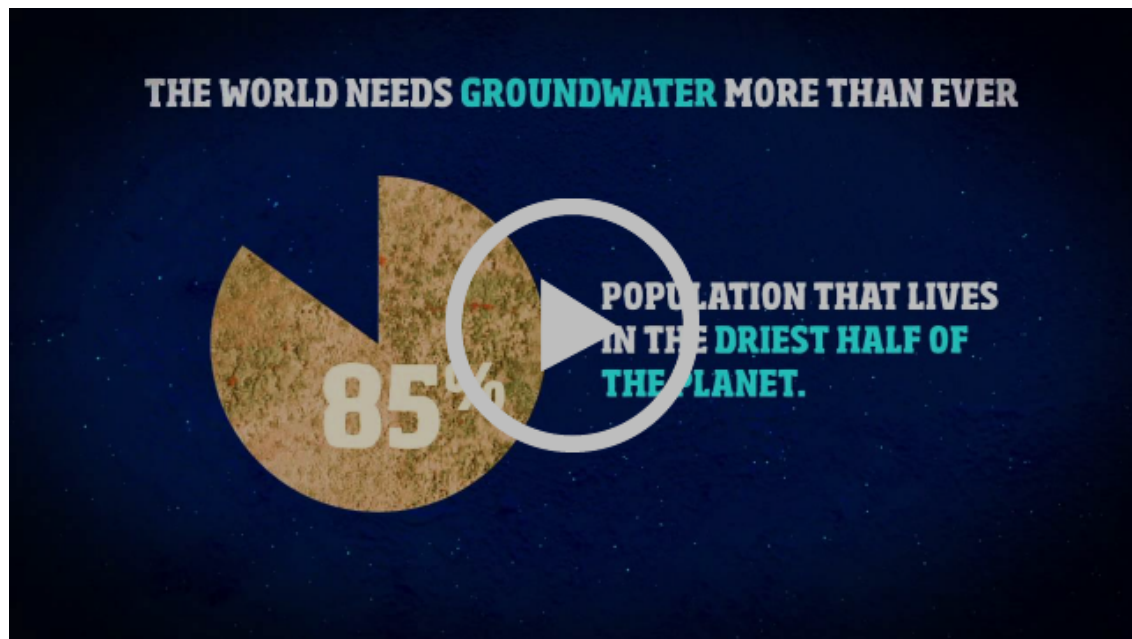
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Drinking Water Week, visit [DrinkTap.org](http://DrinkTap.org).

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## 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](http://www.soquelcreekwater.org/waterwise).



Groundwater is Cool

## Help Us Build our Email Subscriber List!

We currently have 504 subscribers who receive our monthly email updates. We'd like to build and grow our mailing list. Will you help us and spread the word? Please forward and tell a friend to sign-up for our free monthly updates! To sign up, [click here](#).



## 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](#)

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