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To Our Partners in Groundwater Sustainability,

The Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency (MGA) will soon begin its groundwater sustainability planning process, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). To kick off this effort, we will host a series of public orientation sessions designed to provide interested community members with background on the technical and policy frameworks of groundwater management and planning. We've organized the information into four separate workshops:

1. Groundwater 101 and SGMA – A primer for the community;
2. The State of the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin – What we know about the basin, including sources of data, data trends, challenges and opportunities;
3. Groundwater Modeling – The model's inputs and outputs, and how models are used in groundwater management and planning; and
4. Indicators of Sustainability – The six indicators of sustainability under SGMA.

On behalf of the MGA, I want to extend to you and your colleagues an invitation to attend any or all of these orientation workshops. The first and last workshops are generally relevant to groundwater management and planning in California. The second and third workshops are more specific to the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin. The series is scheduled to begin on:

Date: October 5, 2017
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Place: Simpkins Family Swim Center Meeting Room
Address: 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062

All of these sessions will be open to the public. Please let community members interested in groundwater planning know about this opportunity. We welcome your participation in any and all of these informational workshop events. We also plan to invite local water and planning agencies and hope these events will provide a useful framework for collaboration on groundwater issues within Santa Cruz County. We are scheduling the remaining sessions over the fall and early winter, and will provide details as soon as those workshops are scheduled. We hope you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,



Board Chair

Robert J. Marani
Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency