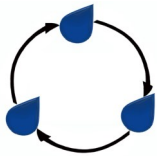
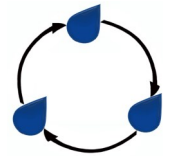


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# Connecting the Drops Working Together for Water



## Fish and Water Supply, and Watershed Management

### Key Points:

- 1) Why conserve water? it is important to know where your water comes from and how it impacts fish and wildlife habitat. Water supplies in many areas of the County directly impact fish and wildlife habitat. In Santa Cruz County, thousands of people live directly along the banks of streams and they use surface water diversions, which directly removes water from streams. Others who live far from streams don't realize that groundwater wells are often located so close to streams that they draw down stream flow and impact fish and habitat as well.
- 2) Save some for the FISH! Salmonids (steelhead and coho salmon) once thrived in the watersheds throughout Santa Cruz County. Now they are critically threatened or endangered. Fish need clean cold flowing water in streams and rivers to spawn, rear, feed and hide from predators.
- 3) Local Agency Watershed Management Efforts: Local and State and Federal Agencies are working hard to prevent fish habitat loss, enhance habitat complexity, increase stream flow, improve water quality, and hopefully increase fish populations. There is no silver bullet that will bring the fish back. It takes a diverse range of efforts and cooperation between agencies and with the public to see results.

### More information available at:

- <http://rcdsantacruz.org/>
- <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/water/watershed>
- [http://slvwd.com/\\_Watershed.htm](http://slvwd.com/_Watershed.htm) <http://scceh.info/Home/Programs/WaterResources/WatershedandStreamHabitatProtection.aspx>

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