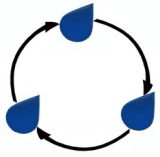
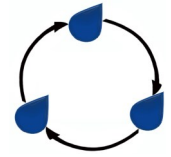


The County of Santa Cruz, Regional Water Management Foundation and the Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) present:



Connecting the Drops Working Together for Water



Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Key Points:

- 1) California enacted landmark legislation in 2014 known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) that provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local agencies, with a role for state intervention if a groundwater basin is not being managed sustainably.
- 2) The act requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) that must assess conditions in their local water basins and adopt management plans.
- 3) The act provides 20 years for GSAs to implement plans and achieve long term groundwater sustainability.
- 4) SGMA is considered one part of a statewide, comprehensive water plan that includes investments in water conservation, water recycling, water storage, and watershed restoration.
- 5) Groundwater has been over drafted (on average, more water pumped out of the basin than recharged) in our county for over 30 years, causing seawater intrusion to occur along the coast in some areas of our county - we will all need to work together to bring our groundwater supply and water use into balance for the long term.

More information available at:

- www.pvwater.org
- www.midcountygroundwater.org
- www.svwd.org/your-water/sgma
- <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/>
- <http://www.acwa.com/sites/default/files/post/groundwater/2014/04/sustainable-gw-management-act-brochure.pdf>
- <http://groundwater.ca.gov/sgmatoolbox.cfm>

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