

**Santa Margarita
Groundwater Agency
Public Meeting
February 22, 2017**

Basin History and Activities to Date

- SMGB covers over 33 square miles in the SC Mountains foothills
- SMGB forms a triangular area that extends from Scotts Valley to the east, Boulder Creek to the northwest and Felton to the southeast
- Major water purveyors are Scotts Valley Water District (SVWD), San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) and Mount Hermon Association (MHA)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin (SMGB)

- Decline of groundwater levels in many parts of the basin during 1985-2004
- Estimated total loss of 25,000 acre feet in groundwater storage
- Pumping has decreased 45 percent since 1997
- Since 2005 the demand and supply in the basin have been in balance

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- Active groundwater management in the basin has occurred since early 1980s
- 1983 – SVWD instituted a Water Resources Management Plan to monitor and manage water resources
- 1994 – SVWD formally adopted a Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with AB3030, also known as the Groundwater Management Act (Water Code Sec. 10750)

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- 1995 – SVWD, SLVWD, MHA, Lompico County Water District, City of Scotts Valley and County of Santa Cruz signed a MOU forming Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee (SMGBAC)
- SMGBAC has been actively involved in the cooperative groundwater management of the basin since then

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