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Public Input Sought on Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Plan Review and Public Comment Period Available through October 15

Members of the public are invited to provide their input on a draft plan for long-term management of local groundwater resources. An online comment form is available through October 15 at <https://scvgsa.org/developing-a-groundwater-sustainability-plan-workshop/>, along with the entire draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

The Santa Clarita Valley gets about half of its drinking water from the groundwater basin. Without the local resource, water providers would have to purchase more expensive water imported from hundreds of miles away.

The GSP lays out a path for maintaining or achieving a balance of inflow and pumping in the basin within 20 years, based on sources and uses of water and anticipated changes such as population growth and climate change. The plan is tailored to the resources and needs of the community and draws on the perspectives of pumpers, environmental and business interests and the community at large, which were represented on a Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) began GSP development in 2017 and has held eight public forums and solicited input from all user groups who depend on water from the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin. A public workshop was held August 25. Next, a GSA board meeting will be held on October 20 to consider comments received to date. A public hearing to consider adoption of the final plan by the GSA Board of Directors is scheduled for December 15. Both meetings are open to the public.

Information on upcoming meetings, as well as videos and fact sheets from all previous workshops can be found online at <https://scvgsa.org/gsp/>. Topics include groundwater conditions, sustainable management criteria and groundwater dependent ecosystems.

The plan is required under the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

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About the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) is a joint powers authority responsible for sustainably managing groundwater in the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin. The agency is governed by a seven-member board that includes four people appointed by SCV Water, and one member each appointed by the city of Santa Clarita, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Waterworks Division 36. The SCV-GSA's overall goal is to achieve sustainable groundwater management of our subbasin within 20 years.

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