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COMMUNITY INVITED TO FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT ‘DROUGHT: GLOBAL CHALLENGE, LOCAL SOLUTIONS’ TO SHARE PROGRESS ON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

*JOIN SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY
SATURDAY, JULY 31 10AM TO NOON AT SKYPARK IN SCOTTS VALLEY*

(July 15, 2021) SCOTTS VALLEY, CA – The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) announced it will be hosting a community event on Saturday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to noon, to share the agency’s work on groundwater sustainability, an effort that is increasingly important as the region suffers from another drought.

The SMGWA is focused on creating and maintaining a resilient and reliable water future in the San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley through the development of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

“Drought: Global Challenge, Local Solutions” will be an open house-style event at Skypark, 361 Kings Village Road in Scotts Valley. Attendees are invited to several booths to learn about various aspects of SMGWA’s work and get stamps in a “passport.” Completing the passport gives participants the opportunity to enter a drawing for a prize. A short presentation will be offered at 11 a.m. Staff and SMGWA board members will be available for questions throughout the event. The agency is also offering free activities for kids.

The draft GSP document will be released later this month for public review. The final GSP is expected to be adopted in December 2021. It will guide long-term management of the groundwater basin — a resource shared by the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, the Scotts Valley Water District, the Mount Hermon Association and other private pumpers — to ensure a reliable water supply for community needs and the natural environment of the region.

The Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin is the major water source for communities in the San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley, the City of Santa Cruz and unincorporated areas of the County of Santa Cruz. Community members who rely on the water supply from the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the GSP and provide input on the plan. Register for this free event: <https://bit.ly/smgwaevent>

ABOUT SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER AGENCY

The Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency (SMGWA) is a joint powers authority comprised of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, Scotts Valley Water District and the County of Santa

Cruz, to oversee the groundwater management activities in the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin in Santa Cruz County, California. The agency was established in 2017. The Board of Directors of the SMGWA includes two board members from each of the member agencies, one from the City of Scotts Valley, one from the City of Santa Cruz, one from the Mount Hermon Association Community Water System and two well owner representatives. Learn more at www.smgwa.org, on Facebook and on Instagram.

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