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**Salts, Nutrients and Groundwater
PVWMA Gets Down to Work With Stakeholder Help**

Watsonville, CA – Patterned after the very successful Ad Hoc Basin Management Plan Committee (BMP), the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) has formed a community group of interested stakeholders to guide development of a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP). The group’s second meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on March 28, 2013 in the Water Resource Conference Room at the Water Recycling Facility in Watsonville.

Excessive concentrations of salts and nutrients can damage one of the Pajaro Valley’s most valuable resources, its groundwater. Poor quality threatens the ability to use the groundwater, impacting crop productivity and health, and making it expensive to treat before drinking. PVWMA is responsible for completing a plan to address these issues by 2014. “The collaborative process resulted in a superior Basin Management Plan and we would like the same result for the SNMP” explained Brian Lockwood, PVWMA Hydrologist and team leader. There is room for more community members and Lockwood hopes they can find the time to join the effort

Background information on why the Pajaro Valley needs a SNMP, time commitment, and the proposed process, is available on the agency’s website www.pvwwater.org. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling the agency at 831-722-9292 or via email to info@pvwater.org

SNMP Stakeholder Workshop
Water Resource Conference Room
Water Recycling Center
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
Thursday, March 28, 2013
9 AM

The PVWMA is a public agency whose mission is to protect and preserve the water resources within the agency’s jurisdiction, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley.

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

DATE	Thursday, March 28, 2013
TIME	9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Food will be provided & breaks worked into the schedule)
LOCATION	Water Resource Center Conference Room, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076
PARTICIPANTS	Pajaro Valley Salt & Nutrient Management Plan Stakeholders
COORDINATORS	Brian Lockwood (PVWMA), Nicole Beck (2NDNATURE), Belinda Platts

Workshop Objectives

1. Review and discuss draft existing conditions and loading analysis
2. Discuss assimilative capacity
3. Obtain stakeholder direction on objective development

Agenda

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
9:00	Welcome & Logistics	Brian
9:15	Salt & Nutrient Management Plan Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review development process/schedule ▪ Stakeholder comment process 	Brian/Nicole
9:30	Existing groundwater conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of approach and findings 	Brian
9:45	Draft loading analysis approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approach overview ▪ Sources, data sets and components 	Nicole/Belinda
10:00	Nutrient loading analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture ▪ Septic ▪ Sewer ▪ Other sources 	Nicole/Belinda
11:00	Salt loading analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irrigation ▪ Seawater intrusion 	Nicole
11:30	Discuss Assimilative Capacity Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Obtain Stakeholder guidance 	Brian
12:00	Discuss SNMP Objective Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review objective purpose and role in SNMP ▪ Obtain Stakeholder guidance 	Nicole

Note:

- Participants are encouraged to check the PVWMA website for information related to the SNMP: <http://www.pvwma.dst.ca.us/board-and-committees/salt-nutrient.php>