



Contact: Steve Stagnaro  
Direct Line 408-354-5145  
PVWMA Office 831-722-9292  
[steve@stagnaro.com](mailto:steve@stagnaro.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 28, 2013

**Draft EIR Presented to Water Agency Board**

Watsonville, CA - Work is moving forward on adoption of an updated Basin Management Plan (BMP) as part of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's (PVWMA) mission to reduce seawater intrusion into the Pajaro Valley groundwater basin. A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in support of the BMP process was presented to the PVWMA Board during their October 23, 2013 meeting.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that an EIR assess the potential environmental impacts of projects and programs such as the BMP. Draft EIR copies are available at the PVWMA office, 36 Brennan Street and the Watsonville Main Library, 275 Main Street, both in Watsonville, as well as the Watsonville Freedom Branch Library at 2021 Freedom Boulevard in Freedom. The Draft EIR is also available for download at [pvwater.org](http://pvwater.org).

The public review period of the Draft EIR will run through December 2, 2013 and comments on the EIR as well as the larger BMP are encouraged. Comments may be emailed to Mary Bannister via [EIR@pvwater.org](mailto:EIR@pvwater.org), faxed to 831-722-3139, or by post to:

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency  
Mary Bannister, General Manager  
36 Brennan Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076

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. More information on the agency and its work is available at [pvwater.org](http://pvwater.org).

###