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PVWMA Focused on both Water Quality and Quantity Managing Salts, Nutrients and Groundwater

Watsonville, CA – “Our oversight of the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Basin means we care not only about the amount of water in our groundwater basin, but about the health and quality of that water” said Brian Lockwood, Senior Hydrologist at the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA). Lockwood serves as team leader for a community led effort to develop a Salt Nutrient Management Plan. (SNMP)

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, potentially impacting human health without expensive treatment prior to drinking, and crop productivity. PVWMA is responsible for completing a plan to address these issues and after nearly four years of public stakeholder meetings, input from water experts, and significant agency effort, that plan is close to completion.

During a very well attended meeting held on June 10, 2016, in the Water Resource Conference Room at the Watsonville Recycling Center what could be a finalized SNMP was presented by Lockwood. The plan and its recommendations are available at the agency’s website pvwater.org

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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Photo: SNMP 6-10-16 Full house on hand to hear final Salt Nutrient Management Plan details