

San Benito County Water District

Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Bolsa, Hollister, and San Juan Bautista Subbasins within San Benito County



Attachment 4:

List of interested parties

Stakeholder	Description of Authority/Interests
Agricultural Water Quality Coalition	The Central Coast Agricultural Water Quality Coalition is a partnership of Central Coast growers organized through their county Farm Bureaus. The Coalition is working to identify local water quality threats and learn about economically viable water quality protection practices.
Aromas Water District	Located to the east of the San Juan subbasin, this Special District provides water treatment and supply service for approximately 750 customers.
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)	AMBAG was organized for the permanent establishment of a forum for planning, discussion and study of regional problems of mutual interest and concern to the county and cities in the greater Monterey Bay area including San Benito County; and for the development of studies, plans, policy and action recommendations.
California Coastal Conservancy	The California Coastal Conservancy, established in 1976, is a state agency that uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore, and enhance coastal resources, and to provide access to the shore. It works in partnership with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners.
California Department of Water Resources (DWR)	DWR is responsible for the implementation of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); personnel of the South Central Region have requested to be part of all stakeholder outreach.
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) – Region 3	The Central Coast RWQCB is a regulatory extension of the State Water Resources Control Board, which was established by the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (1969). The State Water Code establishes the responsibilities and authorities of the nine RWQCBs and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The federal Clean Water Act provides for the delegation of certain responsibilities in water quality control and water quality planning to the states; the Regional Boards implement portions of the Clean Water Act, such as the NPDES program and toxic substance control programs. The Central Coast RWQCB coordinates and controls the quality of water in its region through the protection of beneficial uses, development of water quality objectives to protect the beneficial uses, and implementation planning to accommodate the water quality objectives.
Central Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council	The Central Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council serves San Benito County. The council's activities focus on agritourism, steelhead habitat enhancement, water quality education, coordinated resource management and planning (CRMP) coordination and permit streamlining.
Chamber of Commerce - San Benito	Chamber of commerce providing resources for business and individuals within San Benito County.
City of Hollister	The City of Hollister is a major urban service area in San Benito County. The City of Hollister has land use planning authority and provides various municipal and industrial (M&I) services include wastewater collection and treatment and water supply service.
City of San Juan Bautista	The City of San Juan Bautista has land use planning authority and provides wastewater and water services. San Juan Bautista is a member of the Water Resource Association of San Benito County.
County of San Benito	As a county, San Benito County has wide range of land use functions to ensure safe building construction, planning for future needs of the County, management of infrastructure and county facilities, and protection of natural resources. It supports agriculture through various programs. The County manages county parks, community service areas, and community service districts. It provides integrated waste management.
County of Santa Clara	County government with land use jurisdiction within its boundaries. A portion of the upper Pajaro River watershed is within Santa Clara County.
Farm Bureau San Benito County	The Farm Bureau is organized on a county, state and national basis, with the county Farm Bureau serving as the core of the organization. The Farm Bureau is a voluntary, nongovernmental, nonpartisan organization of farm and ranch families seeking solutions to the problems that affect their lives, both socially and economically.
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (PRWFPA)	PRWFPA was established in 2000 by the State of California to identify, evaluate, fund, and implement flood prevention and control strategies in the Pajaro River Watershed, on an intergovernmental basis. The PRWFPA is a governing body through which each member organization can participate and contribute to finding a method to provide flood protection in the watershed, promote general watershed interests, and identify and prioritize strategies and projects that will provide multiple benefits, such as water supply, groundwater recharge, or environmental restoration and protection benefits.

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Planning and Conservation League Foundation (PCLF)	The PCLF mission is to ensure that California continues to be an attractive, livable, and equitable state by engaging in cutting-edge environmental public policy research, and educating and empowering local communities to understand and participate in local and state environmental decision making processes. PCLF also produces publications that educate the public about environmental challenges in the areas of planning, natural resource conservation, environmental protection, clean air, clean water, sustainable energy policies, and environmental justice.
San Benito Resource Conservation District (RCD)	California RCDs are special districts organized under the state Public Resources Code, Division 9. The San Benito RCD includes all of Bolsa, San Juan, and Hollister subbasins. The district has a locally elected or appointed volunteer board of directors comprised of landowners in that district. Interests of the RCDs that relate to water management include water quality, wildlife habitat restoration, soil erosion control, and conservation education.
San Benito Agricultural Land Trust	The San Benito Agricultural Land Trust is devoted to providing financial options to landowners in order to protect the agricultural heritage of San Benito County. The Trust can protect land permanently and directly by accepting donations of conservation easements designed to meet the individual needs of landowners.
Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter	The local chapter of the Sierra Club was active in the District GWMP process. It is committed to participating in the a South Santa Clara County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan. The planning area includes the Uvas- Llagas watershed, which is a tributary to the Pajaro River.
South Valley Streams for Tomorrow	This organization is concerned with streams in South Santa Clara County and tributaries of the Pajaro River in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	TNC is a leading international, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the diversity on life on Earth. Their mission is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. TNC is currently working on projects within the Pajaro River Watershed that promotes private lands conservation and other conservation practices. They work with landowners, communities, cooperatives and businesses to establish local groups that can protect land.
Water Resources Association of San Benito County	The Water Resource Association is comprised of the SBCWD, San Benito County Government, Sunnyslope County Water District, City of Hollister, and City of San Juan Bautista.
Wildlands Inc.	Wildlands, Inc. is a habitat development and land management company with projects throughout California and the western United States. Established in 1991, Wildlands is one of the Nation's first private organizations to establish mitigation banks and conservation banks that protect wildlife habitat in perpetuity.