

# Get to Know Your Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency

To protect and regulate groundwater supplies, California passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in 2014. In 2019, the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin was re-evaluated and designated as a “high priority” by the state Department of Water Resources, requiring formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to develop and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), a detailed road map for how each groundwater basin will reach and maintain long-term sustainability.

As a result, the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) was formed in 2020 by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Carpinteria Valley Water District, City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County Water Agency and County of Ventura. A rate study is being conducted in 2022 by the CGSA to help develop a fair and equitable cost recovery fee for ongoing operations and maintenance activities related to complying with the SGMA.

## Groundwater is Vital to Each of Us!

Groundwater is water we drink; water that grows our food; water that helps recharge our lakes and rivers. Groundwater is increasingly relied upon by growing cities and thirsty farms, playing a vital role in our local and state economy, public health, and community sustainability.



## Carpinteria GSA At A Glance

GSA Name	Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Formed	2020
Website	<a href="https://carpgsa.org/">https://carpgsa.org/</a>
About the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin	<p>Surface Area: 8,120 acres (12.7 square miles)</p> <p>The Carpinteria Groundwater Basin is bounded on the north by consolidated rocks of the Santa Ynez Mountains, on the south and southwest by the Pacific Ocean, on the west by Toro Canyon, and the eastern boundary underlies Rincon Creek. Surface drainage is from the Carpinteria, Franklin, Gobernador, Rincon, Toro Canyon, and Santa Monica creeks.</p> <p>View our interactive map at <a href="https://carpgsa.org/public-info/boundary-map/">https://carpgsa.org/public-info/boundary-map/</a></p>
GSA Member Agencies	Carpinteria Valley Water District, City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, County of Ventura
Leadership	<p>Robert McDonald, CVWD General Manager and CGSA Executive Director</p> <p>2022 Board of Directors: Case Van Wingerden, Ken Stendell, Matthew Roberts, Shirley Johnson, and Polly Holcombe</p>
Public Board Meetings	<p>The Board currently holds up to six regular meetings per year typically on a Wednesday night at 5:40 p.m. Meeting agendas, minutes and video recordings are posted on the website at <a href="https://carpgsa.org/public-info/meeting-agendas/">https://carpgsa.org/public-info/meeting-agendas/</a>.</p> <p>In addition, the CGSA may hold informational meetings that would be posted to its website.</p>

## What is the roadmap to achieve groundwater sustainability?

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan is the roadmap or framework to achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years. The framework for the GSP has several requirements, including:

- A description of the physical setting and characteristics of the aquifer system.
- Current and historical data for groundwater levels, groundwater quality, subsidence and groundwater-surface water interaction, and a discussion of historical and projected water demands and supplies.
- Maps that include details of the basin and its boundaries and identify existing and potential recharge areas.
- A succinctly stated sustainability goal for a desired condition that is applicable to the entire basin, how the basin will get to that desired condition, and why the measures planned will lead to success.
- Measurable objectives, as well as interim milestones in increments of five years, to achieve the sustainability goal in the basin within 20 years.
- A monitoring plan that will measure progress over time.
- A description of other applicable local government plans and how the GSP may affect those plans.

## Get Involved

Get involved and help your GSA:

- Understand challenges affecting groundwater and water supplies in general, including agriculture and private wells.
- Identify and develop projects that improve groundwater conditions in our community.
- Identify ways to keep rates affordable.

## Ways to Get Involved:



Register as an interested party on the website to receive notices of meetings and important information about Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development.



Attend the GSA board and/or committee meetings. Give public comment or ask questions about their work.



Consider volunteering for the CVWD Groundwater Advisory group.

## GSP DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

2021

- ERT Survey and Monitoring Well Construction
- Outreach Plan
- Data Management System
- Hydrogeologic and Numerical Model Updates

2022

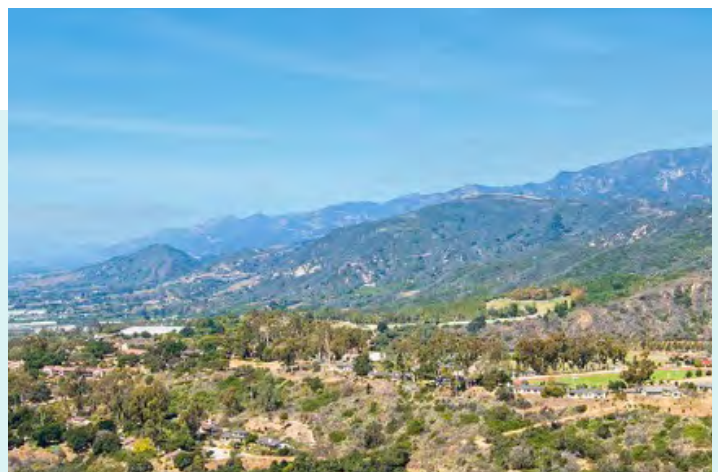
- Future Water Budgets
- Monitoring Networks
- Sustainable Management Criteria
- Workshops 1, 2 and 3

2023

- Projects and Management Actions
- Draft GSP and Comment Period
- Update and Adopt GSP
- Workshops 4 and 5

2024

- Grant Close Out
- First SGMA Annual Report
- Begin GSP Implementation



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