



CARPINTERIA GSA
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**NEXT STEPS TOWARD PROTECTING CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER BASIN
FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY**
Public Invited to Provide Input on Proposed Groundwater Fee

(CARPINTERIA, CALIF.) – Groundwater is a vital component of our local water supply portfolio, especially as naturally occurring water supplies are drying up due to drought, climate fluctuations and increased competition for all water resources in the state. Locally, the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin is designated as a “high priority Basin” by the California Department of Water Resources under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014.

As a result, the [Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency](#) (CGSA; Agency) was formed in 2020 to ensure long-term sustainable use through monitoring, planning, and oversight of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin. The Agency is required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by 2024 and begin implementation of the GSP thereafter. The Agency currently is operating on loans and cannot continue without establishing a revenue source to support ongoing GSA operations and administration. A rate study is underway to help develop a fair and equitable cost recovery fee for properties that sit atop the basin.

The public is invited to learn more and provide input before the CGSA Board of Directors considers a fee proposal at its public hearing on June 22. Two community meetings are planned in May and June as noted below.

Community Meeting - Virtual Zoom/Phone
5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26
Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3yM0wKf>
By phone: (669) 900 6833
Meeting ID: 861 3747 2148
Passcode: 223939



Community Meeting - In Person
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14
Lion's Park
6197 Casitas Pass Rd.
Carpinteria 93013

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BACKGROUND

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 California 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](#).

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