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Beneath the Surface: Groundwater

In honor of World Water Day, EAC publishes *a Proactive Report Exploring California and Marin County Water Resilience in a Changing Climate*

Point Reyes Station, Calif. (March 23, 2021)—

A severe drop in rainfall this winter, coupled with continuing drought conditions, and local effects of the global climate crisis have forced Marin County water agencies to prepare residents for water restrictions this summer. Clearly, we need to understand existing and anticipated vulnerabilities for Marin County related to water resiliency and climate change.

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) has published *Beneath the Surface: Groundwater, a Proactive Analysis Exploring California and Marin County Water Resilience in a Changing Climate* to spark a dialogue on groundwater within the context of water resiliency.

To understand how groundwater is managed and regulated in Marin County, the report offers a thorough review of relevant background research including local and statewide regulatory frameworks and interviews with key agency staff and experts.

“Groundwater is our hidden resource - you can’t see it, you don’t know exactly where it is, but dealing with it is going to be more and more important as time goes on.”
- Jack Liebster, Planning Manager, Marin County Community Development Agency

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A thorough discussion of California and Marin County's groundwater resources and water sourcing, existing conservation and resiliency planning efforts, and groundwater and climate change in California provide a foundation for understanding water resiliency.

“We are really excited for the release of this report, and we thank all of the individuals, organizations, and agencies that contributed to the lengthy project. We hope this collaboration is only the beginning of a continued dialogue on Marin’s water resiliency.”- Ashley Eagle-Gibbs, EAC’s Conservation Director

The report also includes information on how groundwater basins are formally delineated and prioritized, as well as a discussion of Marin County specific basin and geology information.

The report concludes with several recommendations for potential next steps for Marin County's water resiliency planning, highlighting the need for additional monitoring, assessment, potential regulatory changes, and water resiliency preparedness.

How You Can Help?

Besides the recommendations in the report, EAC encourages everyone to learn about where their water comes from, download the report, celebrate World Water Day, and conserve water as the West is in yet another mega drought.

The report is available online for free from EAC and provides extensive information about local and state groundwater and water resiliency, as well as recommendations for further research and actions. Download at <https://www.eacmarin.org/groundwater>.

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