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**Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to host community workshops exploring region's water use and management of the shared resource**

*Five 'Our Water Future in the Salinas Valley: Planning for Uncertainty' workshops will be held throughout the Valley in April and May*

**SALINAS, Calif.** — The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) is hosting five workshops this spring to provide residents and businesses of the Salinas Valley with an opportunity to learn about water use and management in the region.

The "Our Water Future in the Salinas Valley: Planning for Uncertainty" workshops will provide valuable information for the community about how water is managed in the Valley, the efforts residents and businesses have taken toward more efficient water use, and the wide range of options for residents and businesses to consider for minimizing water waste, improving efficiencies and reallocating resources to ensure continued availability of water for the Salinas Valley Basin.

The workshops will focus on:

- Future of water supply availability and protection in the Salinas Valley
- Local water management responsibilities and partnerships
- Ongoing water use efficiency efforts
- Tools for urban and agricultural water users
- Methods for water demand management and regulation

The Salinas Valley depends on groundwater for domestic and commercial use as well as to irrigate crops that feed the world. It is a vital resource that we have a shared responsibility to protect and manage. Also, the Valley along with the rest of the State, more frequently faces weather extremes that can result in too much or too little water. These extremes create uncertainty that impacts our communities, our businesses, and our health and safety. Preparing for uncertainty and sustainably managing the shared water resources is our collective responsibility.

The workshops will run 9 a.m. to 1p.m., including the same format and content. Locations and dates include:

- Castroville, April 12 (North County Recreation and Park District, 11261 Crane St., Castroville, CA 95012)
- Salinas, April 19 (Santa Lucia Room at Sherwood Hall, 940 N. Main St., Salinas, CA 93906)
- Greenfield, May 3 (Greenfield City Hall, 599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927)
- King City, May 10 (King City Recreation Center, 401 Division St., King City, CA 93930)
- Salinas, May 11 (Steinbeck Hall at Hartnell College, 411 Central Ave., Salinas, CA 93901)

Preregistration is encouraged. Spanish translation will be available. For more information, visit [svbgsa.org](http://svbgsa.org) or email [clerk@svbgsa.org](mailto:clerk@svbgsa.org).

During 2024, the SVBGSA will work with landowners, business and agricultural managers, community representatives, water leaders, technical specialists and other stakeholders to disseminate information, gather input and prepare long-range plans for how to address water scarcity.

**About the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

The SVBGSA was formed in 2017 to develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans for six Salinas Valley subbasins and implement the plans to achieve groundwater sustainability by 2042, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Agency's 11-member Board of Directors is comprised of stakeholders who represent diverse interests from across the Salinas Valley. Learn more at [www.svbgsa.org](http://www.svbgsa.org), on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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