

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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SUBJECT: **Santa Barbara County 2002 Groundwater Report**
All Supervisorial Districts

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Receive and file the *Santa Barbara County 2002 Groundwater Report* and authorize distribution of the report for County and public information.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5: Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Santa Barbara County Groundwater Report satisfies one requirement of the *Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan Conservation Element, Groundwater Resources Section*, which was adopted May 24, 1994, and amended November 8, 1994. *Conservation Element Goal 4, Policy 4.1.1*, requires the County Water Agency to continue to monitor water levels from existing wells, and to compile an annual report regarding volume of groundwater pumped, groundwater levels, change in overdraft conditions and other relevant data.

The current report updates information on groundwater conditions and includes recent water quality trends and water level measurements.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Groundwater Section of the Conservation Element of the County's General Plan directs preparation of this report. It will improve public accessibility to groundwater information.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Preparation of this report is part of the ongoing Water Agency work program. Costs associated with this report are included in the Adopted 2002/03 Budget and are allocated in the Water Agency Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-300 in the budget book. Costs are paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 6000/7891, Fund: 3050, Program: 3007. This report will have no impact on County facilities.