

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12-13, 2024**

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**ITEM NUMBER:** 12

**SUBJECT:** Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program -  
Groundwater Assessment and Protection Program  
Update

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This supplemental sheet is to include a comment letter received for Item 12. On December 3, 2024, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) received a comment letter via email from the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency. A copy of the full text of the comment letter is provided with this supplemental sheet.

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**Subject:** Comment letter for Dec 12-13 meeting Item 12 - CCAMP - GAP Program Update  
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To Regional Water Quality Control Board members,

This comment letter is regarding Item 12 on the December 12-13 agenda.

I am the Water Resources Program Manager with Santa Cruz County Environmental Health. For the last year, my colleagues and I have had the pleasure of working with Regional Water Board staff on the Well Testing Program. Before this year, very little work had been done to explore domestic well water quality. Around 8,000 residences county-wide rely on an individual or shared well for their potable water. Many of these wells pre-date any testing requirements, and most were only tested for a few parameters at the time they were constructed, and then never tested again. County staff have been able to leverage a State Water Resources Control Board grant to partner with Regional Board staff on a comprehensive outreach program that targets parts of the County with known groundwater challenges. Working with the Well Testing Program we have been able to expand the parameters that are tested for from the initial water sample, which adds critical information for the homeowners regarding the ability to install point-of-use treatments if exceedances are found. Using our grant we can also offer replacement water and treatment systems to income qualifying households.

We commend the exceptional and dedicated staff at the Regional Board who have been working with us to improve our program and help to ensure that every resident of Santa Cruz County has access to safe drinking water.

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