

## **Marina Coast Water District Signs Agreement with Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to Coordinate Efforts**

Marina, CA – To promote collaboration, the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) has signed a Coordination Agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) to facilitate a positive working relationship and streamline efforts and resources moving forward. As part of the agreement, both agencies will join forces to apply for grant funds with MCWD being the responsible party for submitting proposals and applications for the Monterey Subbasin and the SVBGSA responsible for submitting the application for the 180/400 Subbasin. The agencies will also form a new coordination committee including representatives from MCWD and SVBGSA, and will share data and resources.

In 2015, the California Department of Water Resources granted MCWD exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) status in the Monterey Subbasin and the 180/400 Subbasin. Becoming the exclusive GSA is part of MCWD's ongoing commitment to protecting ratepayers, defending groundwater rights, maintaining and improving infrastructure and fulfilling its obligation to provide safe drinking water at affordable rates. MCWD also has invested in research and geohydrology studies to monitor and manage groundwater, and the GSA will continue such efforts to make sound decisions based on science.

As a GSA, MCWD is committed to working with other GSAs and stakeholders in the region, including SVBGSA. Both entities will operate in an open and inclusive process under the Coordination Agreement to gather input from the community and obtain necessary technical advice regarding groundwater sustainability issues.

### **About the Marina Coast Water District**

The Marina Coast Water District serves more than 30,000 customers in the Monterey Peninsula's fastest growing and most diverse communities – the City of Marina and the Ord Community. They are dedicated to providing high quality water, wastewater and recycled water services through management, conservation and development of future resources at reasonable costs. For more information please visit [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org).