

**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

**From:** Mary Rogren, Assistant General Manager

**Agenda:** January 8, 2019

Report

Date: January 4, 2019

**Subject:** Assistant General Manager's Report

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**Recommendation:** none

**Background:**

**SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) Update - Half Moon Bay Terrace Basin**

DWR staff contacted us this week as a “heads up” that given our comments and local data that we and other stakeholders in our basin submitted during the public comment period (ending in August 2018), DWR has reclassified the Half Moon Bay Terrace Basin to “very low priority.” As of this writing, DWR plans to officially publish their results and accompanying data in the upcoming week.

In May 2018, the DWR reclassified our basin from “very low” to “very high” priority given changes in their formulas and use of statewide databases. The DWR was open to receiving local data to augment their findings, which we provided during the public comment period.

Managing groundwater is critical for all of California, and certainly the Coastside understands the importance of the sustainability of groundwater. Our basin will still fall under the purview of SGMA, however, the mandates do not apply for low priority basins.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that our DWR colleagues, Bill Brewster and Paul Wells (and their staff) spent with us in helping us to better understand their calculations, and in their consideration of our submittals of local data.