



Groundwater Sustainability Program Update

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting

August 28, 2025

Agenda Item 3.1

Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency(GSA) Coalition Update

- Small GSA Coalition has been an informal coalition
- Goals are to:
 - Educate legislative representatives, state agencies, and the public on challenges of compliance costs for small basins
 - Explore ways to reduce compliance costs
- Sonoma Water is funding a group administrator and legislative advocate through December 2025
- Board approved a budget that included participation in Coalition through Fiscal Year 2026
- Coalition participants are working on an agreement to continue working together and providing funding for these positions

Small GSA Memorandum of Understanding Concepts

- Generally for basins less than 10,000 acre-feet, but could consider basins up to 20,000 acre-feet
- 12 basins currently strongly considering participation
- Subject to annual budget approval and contributions to fund administrator and advocate
- Super-majority (75%) vote of members for fiscal decisions
- 60-day withdrawal, but funds committed for the fiscal year not subject to refund to withdrawing agency

Groundwater Use from 2024 Annual Report

San Lorenzo Valley Water District	678
Scotts Valley Water District	1043
Mount Hermon Association	153
Private Domestic Wells	234
Non-Domestic Private Groundwater Users	122
Small Water Systems	86
Quail Hollow Quarry	32
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Metered Reported Groundwater Use

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- 10 small systems
- Report data to County or state
- Lag in reporting so not exact water year

Metered Small Water Systems (<199 connections)	2023 ac-ft
Fern Grove Club	20
Hidden Meadow MWC	5
Karl's Dell	2
Love Creek Heights Mutual Water Assoc.	2
Mission Springs	6
Moon Meadows	3
Quail Hollow Circle	1
Roaring Camp	33
Vista Robles Assoc.	9
Zayante Acres	6

Estimated Private Domestic Groundwater Use

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Estimated based annual water use factor per connection determined from metered Small Water Systems and applied to each residence outside of municipal water service areas (less accurate). The water use factor for WY2024 is 0.3 AF per connection. Number of private wells is assumed to be 777.

Estimated Non-Domestic Private Groundwater Use

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Reevaluation of the Water Balance

Prepared for

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December 1998

	Original	Revised	Comments
Spring Lakes Mobile Home Park	46	~4	Well not used to fill ponds
Vista del Lago MHP	38		
Monteville MHP	38	~13	Had a meter in the past

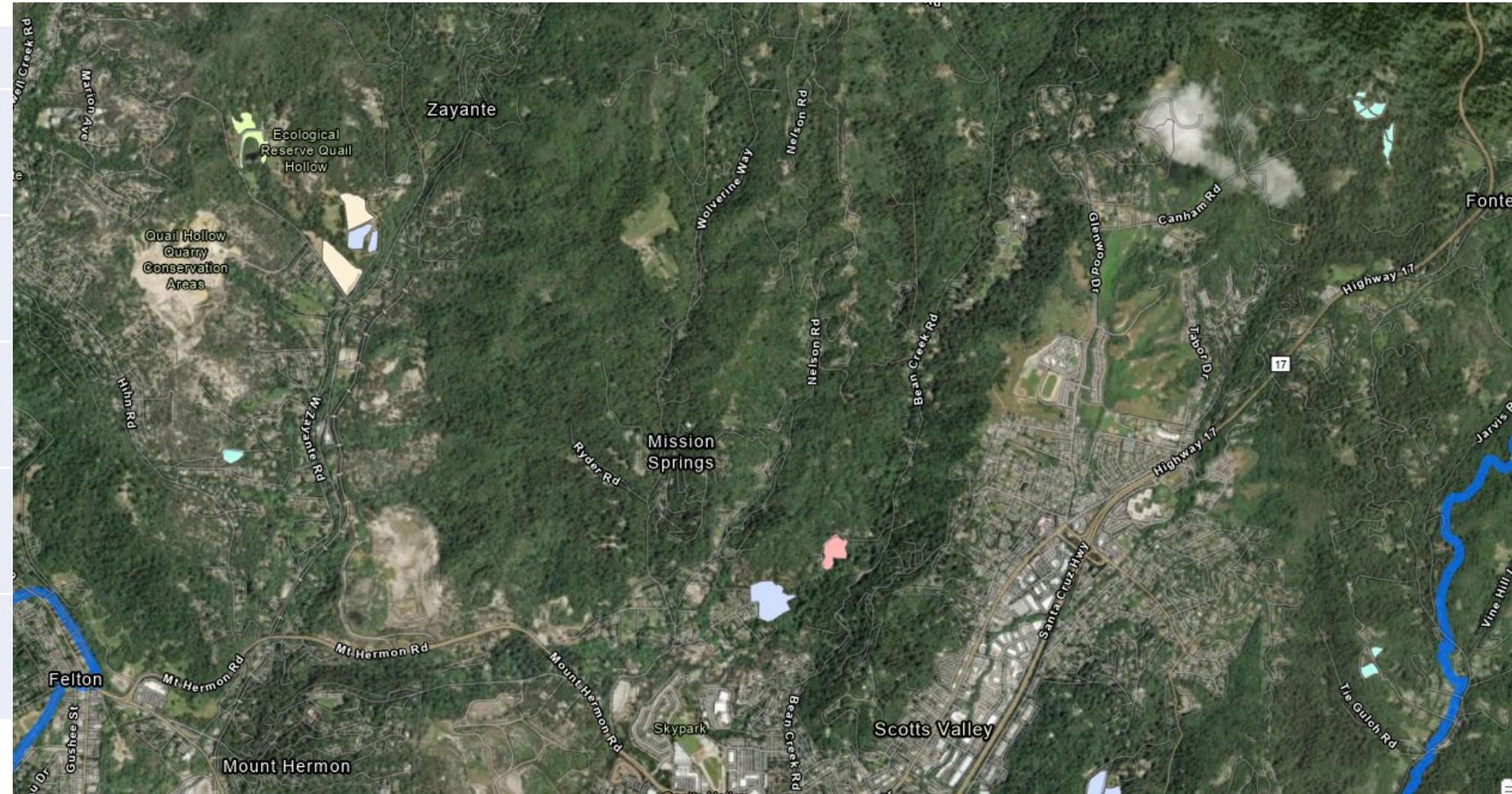
Estimated Quarry Groundwater Use

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Estimated by Graniterock in April 2024 based on estimated pumping rate and operational days per year at quarry

Potential Agricultural Groundwater Use based on Department of Water Resources Land Use Surveys

Crop Type in 2023	Acres
Idle	23
Unclassified	17
Pasture	7
Truck/Nursery	5
Vineyard	16



Summary of Groundwater Use

