



## San Benito County Water District Initiates Salt and Nutrient Management Planning

In March 2012 San Benito County Water District is starting the process of developing a **Salt and Nutrient Management Plan** in the San Benito County portion of the Hollister-Gilroy Groundwater Basin. The map shows the Bolsa, Hollister Valley, San Juan Bautista, and Tres Pinos Valley groundwater subbasins that are part of the plan.

This plan will be developed in accordance with the new Recycled Water Policy adopted by the California State Water Resources Control Board. This policy encourages increased use of recycled water—for example, for landscape and agricultural irrigation—across California. It also requires development of *Salt and Nutrient Management Plans* to help protect water quality in the State's groundwater basins. This plan, being developed as part of the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, will address:

- Improvement of water quality monitoring
- Definition of water recycling goals and objectives
- Identification of salt and nutrient sources
- Estimation of the salt and nutrient loading to the basin and its capacity to assimilate the loading
- Development of salt and nutrient mitigation strategies
- Analysis of ways to minimize potential water quality degradation.



Participation by local agencies, communities, organizations, landowners and other stakeholders is an important part of this process. Accordingly, the District is hosting a number of workshops to describe the plan development process and seek input from stakeholders.

Workshop 1: Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 2:00pm at the District's office.

Workshop 2: Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1:30pm at the District's office.

Workshop 3: Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10am at the District's office.

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