



# WATER FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

## **Comments on Water Supply to the MGA**

**Good evening, I am Scott McGilvray, Founder of Water for Santa Cruz. I am here tonight to make the MGA aware of a water supply and infrastructure system that is substantial and available for immediate implementation.**

**Everyone has a set of beliefs. WFSC has talked with all but one of you at different times. Some of you are receptive, some of you are not. Those who are not, have the belief that there is limited water from Santa Cruz available for transfer and use into the SqCWD system. This belief is the difference between seeing 90 million gallons of water supply or 500+ million gallons, so it is a critical belief.**

**The documentation for 500+ million gallon/year supply is in this seven-page document. These pages are a compilation of quotes and tables taken from the Santa Cruz Water Department annual reports and the SC Urban Water Management plans (2010 and 2015).**

**North Coast Supply: These pages prove conclusively that over the last 32 years (1985 on), Santa Cruz has averaged 995 million gallons of water supplied from North Coast streams. The City of Santa Cruz expects to reduce the water supply from North Coast streams. That supply is expected to be 671 million gallons through 2035. So we have 50 years of water use and expectation that indicates a North Coast supply in excess of 650 million gallons per year.**

**North Coast Water Rights: These pages contain Santa Cruz' description of the water right which governs take and use of North Coast streams. Being a pre-1914 right, there is no limitation regarding place of use.**

**San Lorenzo River water for Santa Cruz: If Santa Cruz shipped North Coast permitted water to the SqCWD, where would Santa Cruz get its water supply? Santa Cruz has a permit to take 900 million gallons of water from the San Lorenzo river and pump it to Loch Lomond during winter months, (November – April). These pages document that for the last 19 years Santa Cruz has pumped an average of 47 million out of 900 million gallons per year under this permit. That means that at least 853 million gallons are available to Santa Cruz to replace any North Coast water sent to the SqCWD.**

**The mid county Groundwater Sustainability Agency has the opportunity and the power to set the facts straight. If the beliefs are corrected to facts, chances to solve our water supply shortage are substantially improved.**

**Thank you,  
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