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## **State Water Board Now Assessing Groundwater in North San Francisco Bay Area**

**Sacramento**—The State Water Resources Control Board is continuing its statewide Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program by adding a new monitoring area in the north San Francisco Bay area.

The GAMA Program assesses statewide groundwater quality to better understand contamination risks to specific groundwater resources. The program already tracks data in parts of the San Diego, Riverside and Orange Counties. The State Water Board is working with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to carry out the GAMA Program.

New groundwater basins/areas scheduled for GAMA Program monitoring in the north San Francisco Bay include: Santa Rosa Valley, Petaluma Valley, Wilson Grove Highlands, Alexander Valley, Lower Russian River Valley, Kenwood Valley, Napa-Sonoma Valley, and Napa-Sonoma Volcanics.

The groundwater assessment report of the north San Francisco Bay study area will be available to the public after its completion. Copies of the report will also be available on the GAMA Program Web site and in area libraries.

GAMA Program information is available at [www.swrcb.ca.gov/gama](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/gama), or by contacting GAMA program staff by e-mail at [gama@swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:gama@swrcb.ca.gov) or telephone at (916) 341-5779.

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