

Water Advisory Committee

Frank Cheap, 1st District
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Agenda

Crowd Sourced Goals + Initiatives

Water Conservation - Private Well Owners

Septic System Health/Management

County Services - great resource

Public Education - Carrot vs Stick

Goals + Initiatives

Water Conservation Wet and Drought Years

Significant Drought - foreshadowing of the future

Well Owners are at more risk than Municipal Water Districts

- No Alternative Supplies in most cases

- CapEX to redrill should well run dry or under produce

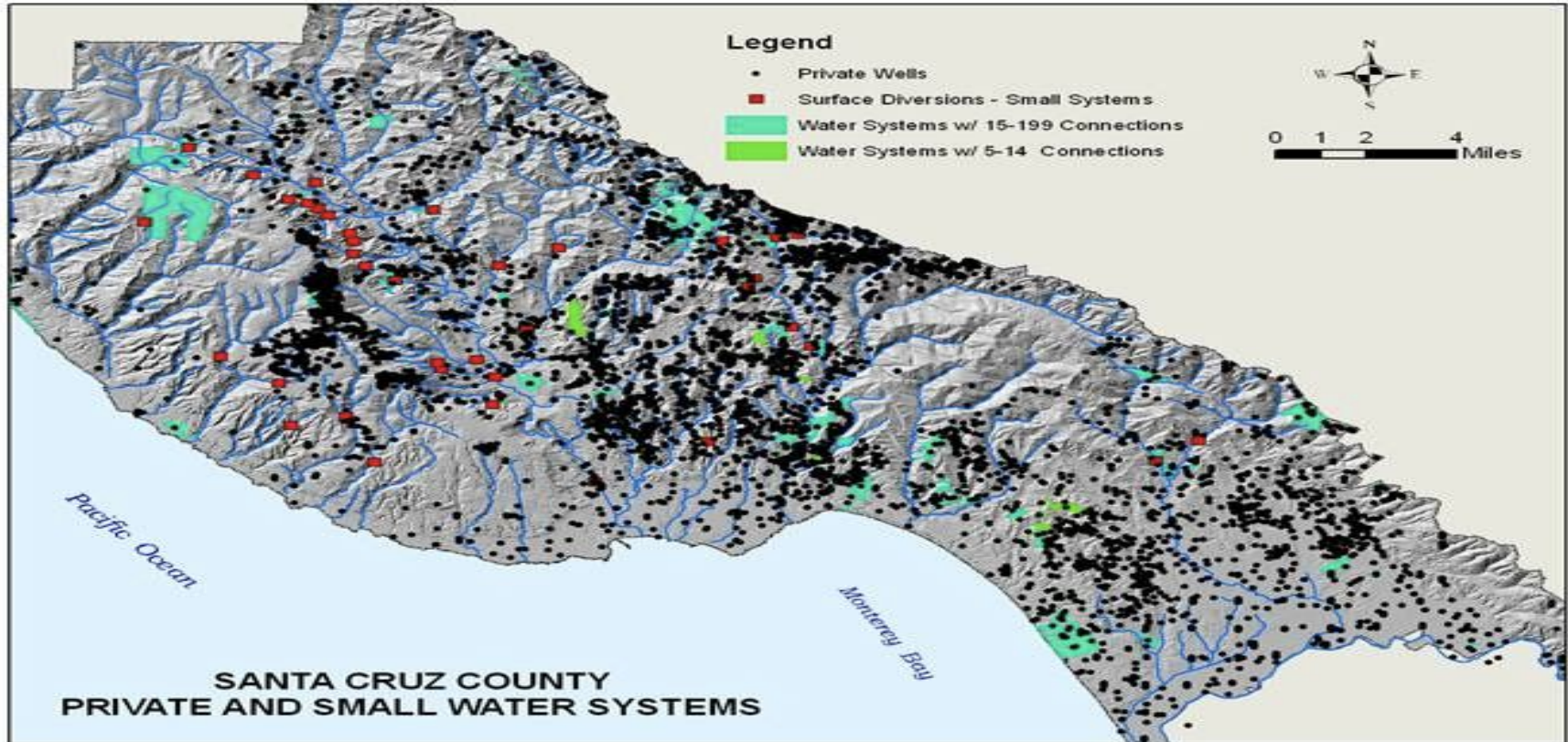
- Assume the Best - Unlimited water rights

- History Monitoring

Municipal Water districts - heavy Spend plus Education to reduces and converse

Large Exposure- 8000 Private Well Owners = 27,000 Septic Systems SC Environmental Health Data
<https://scceh.com/Home/Programs/WaterResources/WaterSupply/PrivateandSmallWaterSystems.aspx>

Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services



County Services + Opportunities

Environmental Health Services Lab

Water Quality sampling and reporting

Well Monitoring - Depth Sounding

Permit Database of Private Wells + Septic Systems

In a Perfect Position to Educate the Public

Vehicles To Increase Knowledge

Low Cost - Low Intertia Public Relations

Leverage existing GSA + Water Districts

Positive (carrot) vs negative (stick)

Based on History - Not Advocating - Metering - Taxation of PWOs

Assume the best - conservation, environmentally +,