

# Santa Margarita ASR Site

## Outreach Installation Draft Design

MPWMD Public Outreach Committee on Monday,  
June 27, 2022

*Discussion Item Following Discussion Item No. 1 and  
Not Listed on the Agenda*

Copies Furnished to the General Manager, Committee  
Members and District Counsel

# Location







July 2021 Board Authorized

1. Landscaping design
2. Outreach Installation design contract

1. Landscaping Design Complete
  - Waiting for recycled water allocation process
2. Draft Outreach Installation design complete

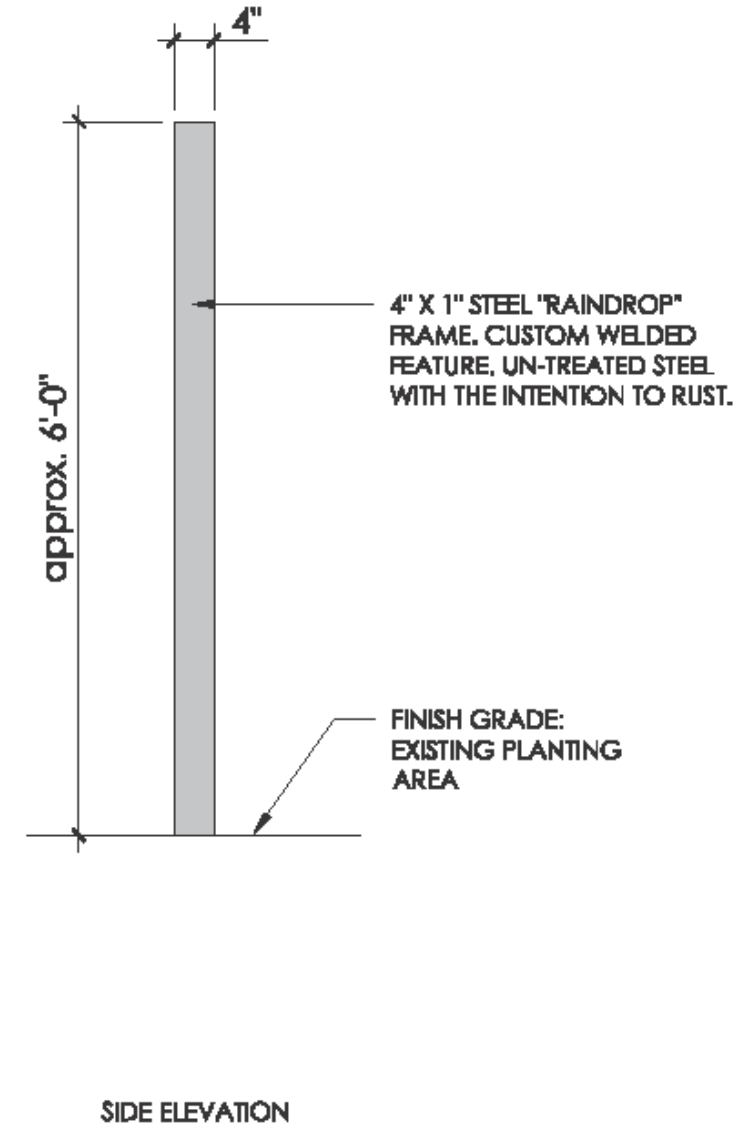
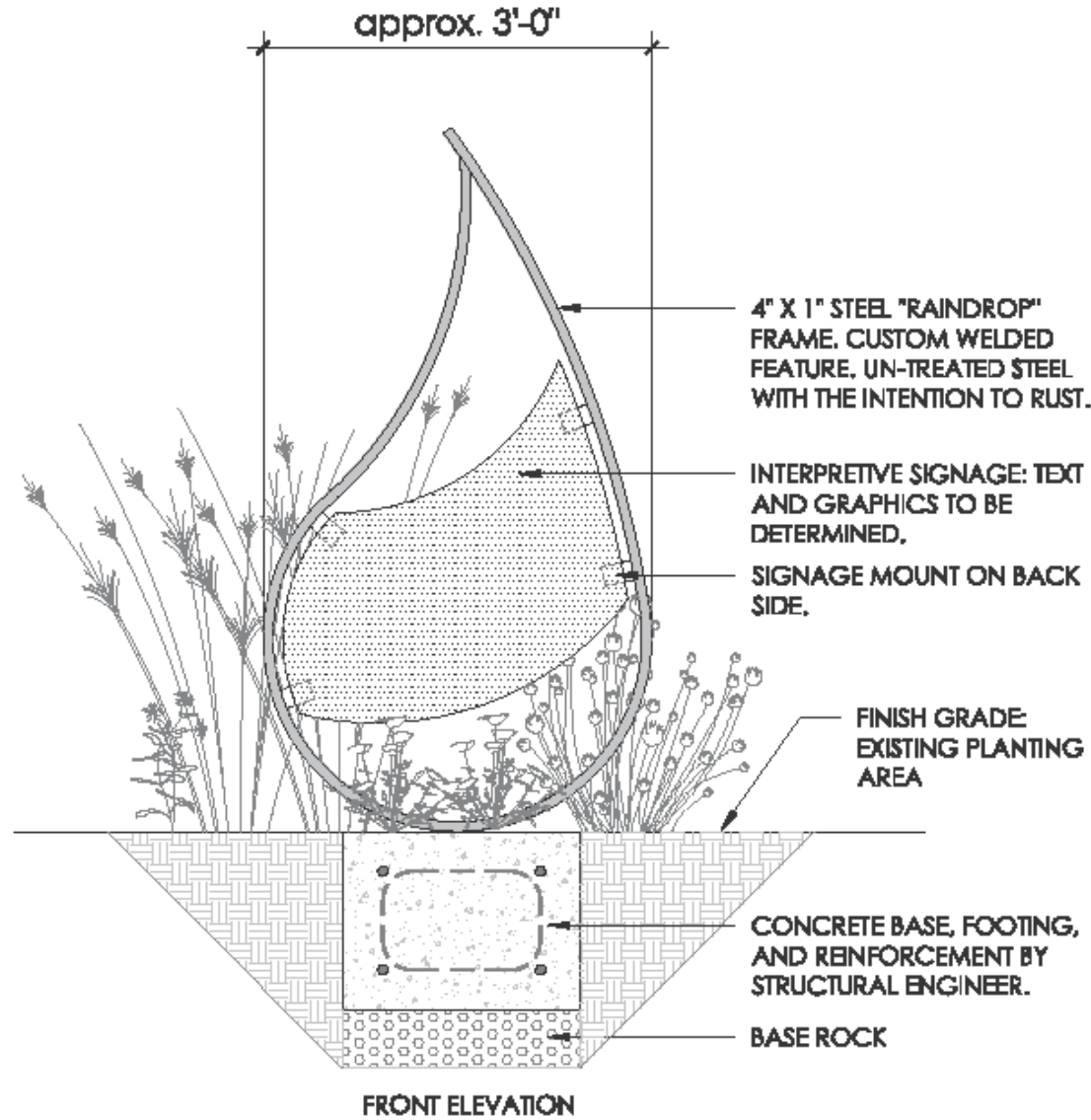


# Goals

1. Explain ASR
2. Seaside Role in Region's Water Supply – the Basin
3. Carmel River

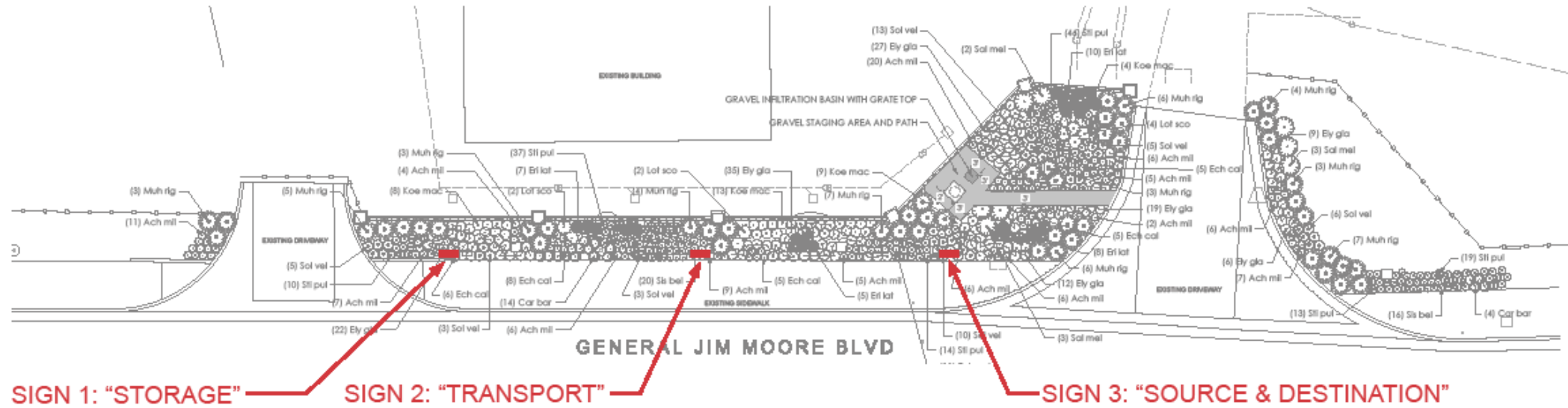
## Logistical Goals

1. Minimal words – no loitering around the operating facility
2. No traffic/bicyclist/pedestrian impact
3. Innovative – fits with ASR as a water supply and the City of Seaside
4. Interesting to the average Joe (get it?)
5. QR code for more information



## INTERPRETIVE SIGN DETAIL





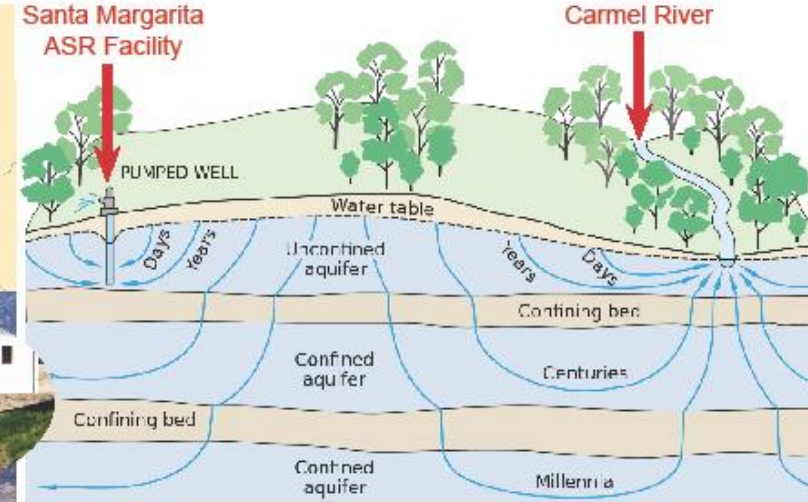
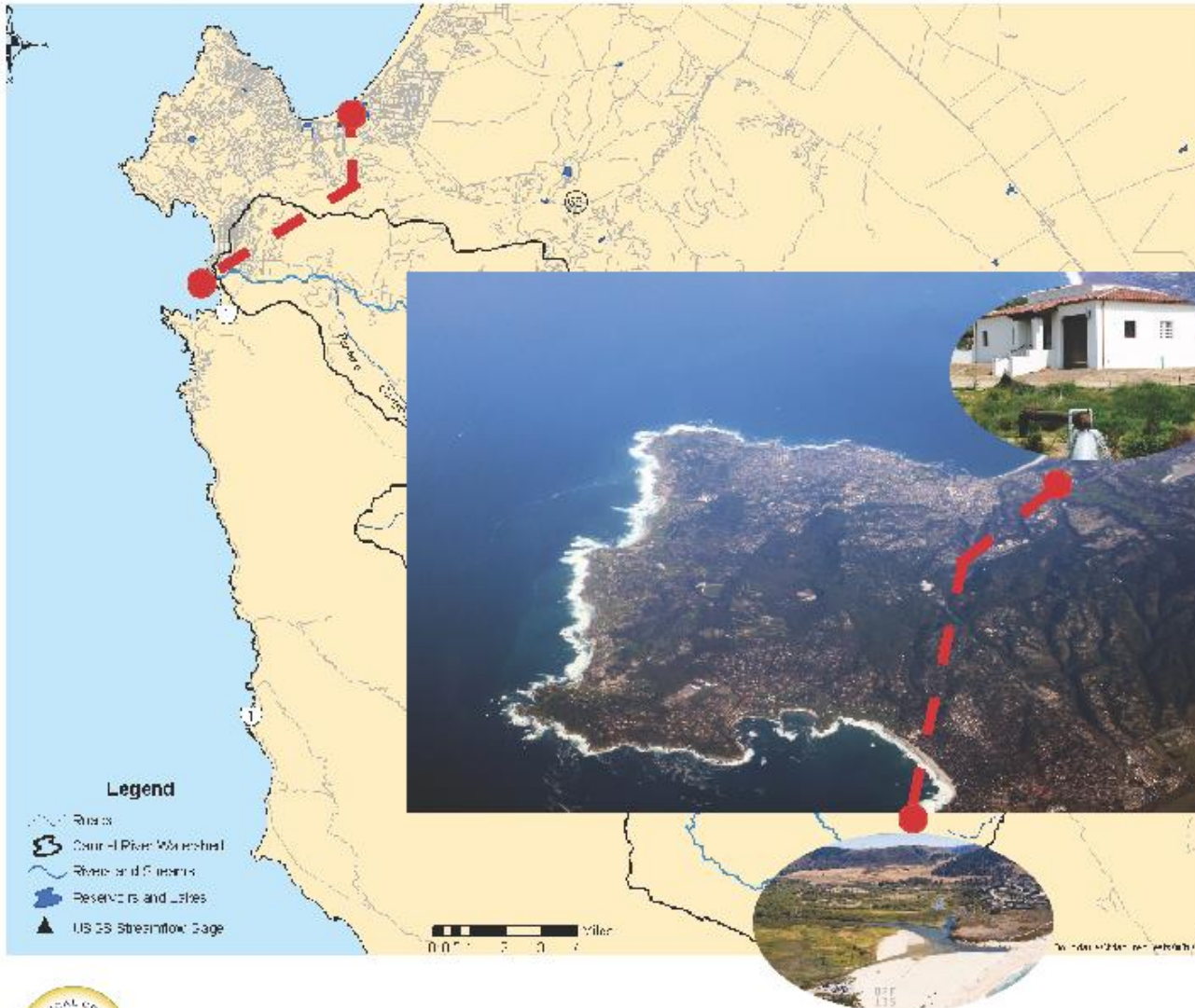
INTERPRETIVE SIGN LOCATION





GRAPHICS NEEDED:

1. An aerial image of Seaside to the Carmel River, with a diagrammatic route of the path of pipe.



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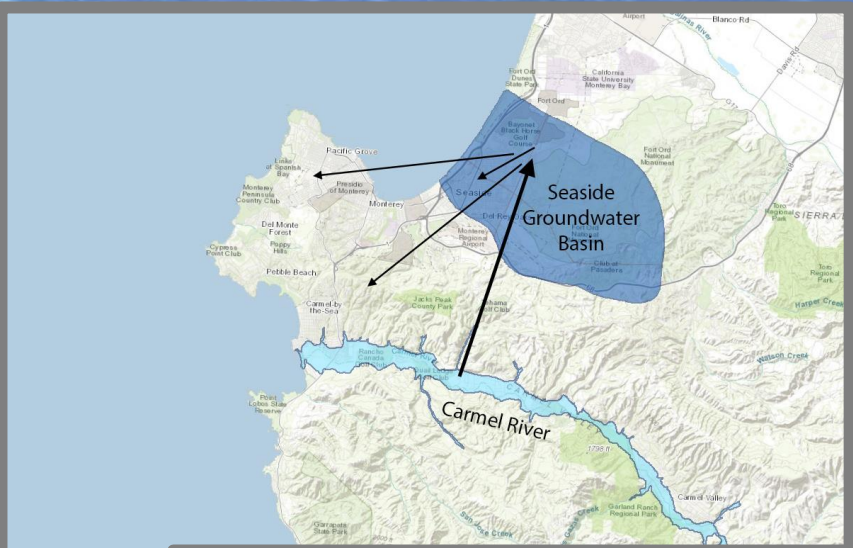
In wet seasons, excess Carmel River water flows to the ocean. The Santa Margarita Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Facility injects excess Carmel River during the winter when water is abundant. In the dry summer months, the stored water is produced for our community to drink.

Learn more about these benefits in the other information boards!



## INTERPRETIVE SIGN "ASR"



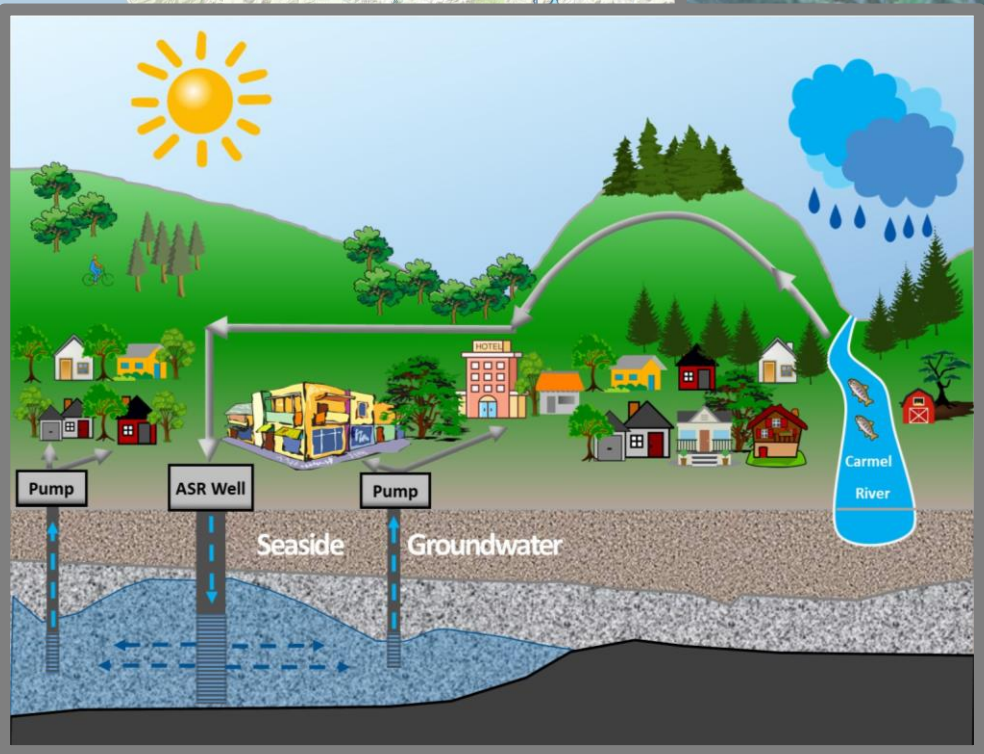


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In wet seasons, excess Carmel River water flows to the ocean. A portion of this water is pumped from the Carmel River to this site. This Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Facility injects the river water underground for storage until drier times. The stored water is then pumped from the Basin for our community to drink.

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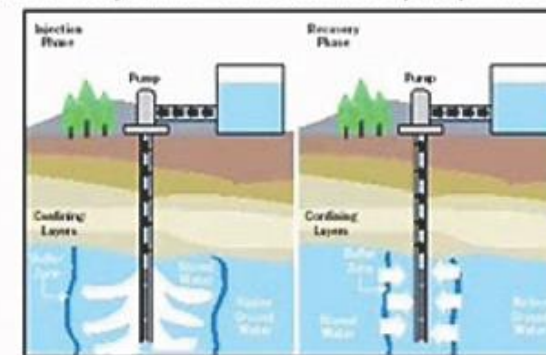
1. Perspective aerial of Seaside - cross section of ASR facility to aquifer. Show extents of aquifer, depth.
2. A diagram of the Santa Margarita ASR facility pump station.



## INTERPRETIVE SIGN "STORAGE"

## Aquifer Storage and Recovery

- Pumping in excess potable water, then pumping out the same potable water that was pumped in



[www.waterencyclopedia.com](http://www.waterencyclopedia.com)

Did you know you are standing on top of the Seaside Groundwater Basin?

The Seaside Groundwater Basin is a natural feature made up of sediment that becomes saturated with groundwater. Essentially the aquifer is a large underground storage tank! Water is held in the aquifer by impermeable rock layers.

An aquifer is NOT an underground lake or river.

The Santa Margarita Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Facility in front of you facilitates storage of excess Carmel River water in the basin.

Learn more about why this is done in the next information boards!



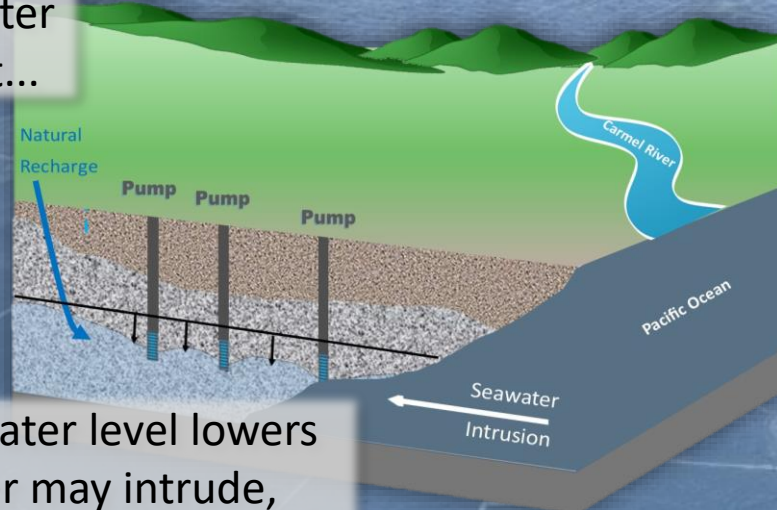
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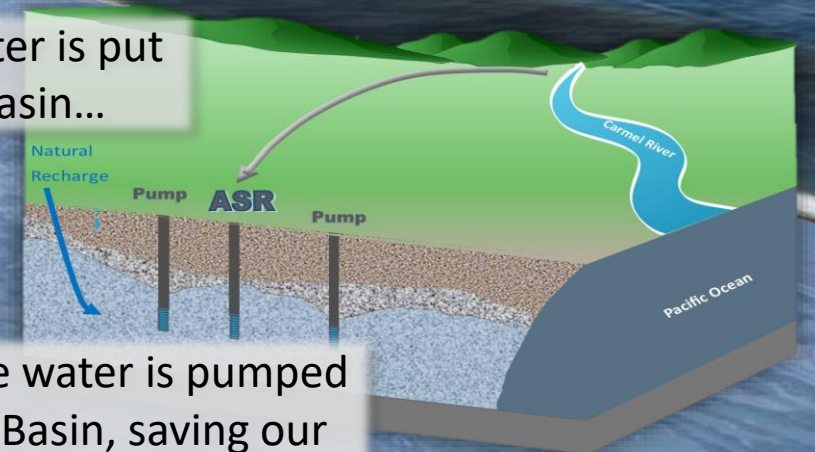
## Seaside Groundwater Basin

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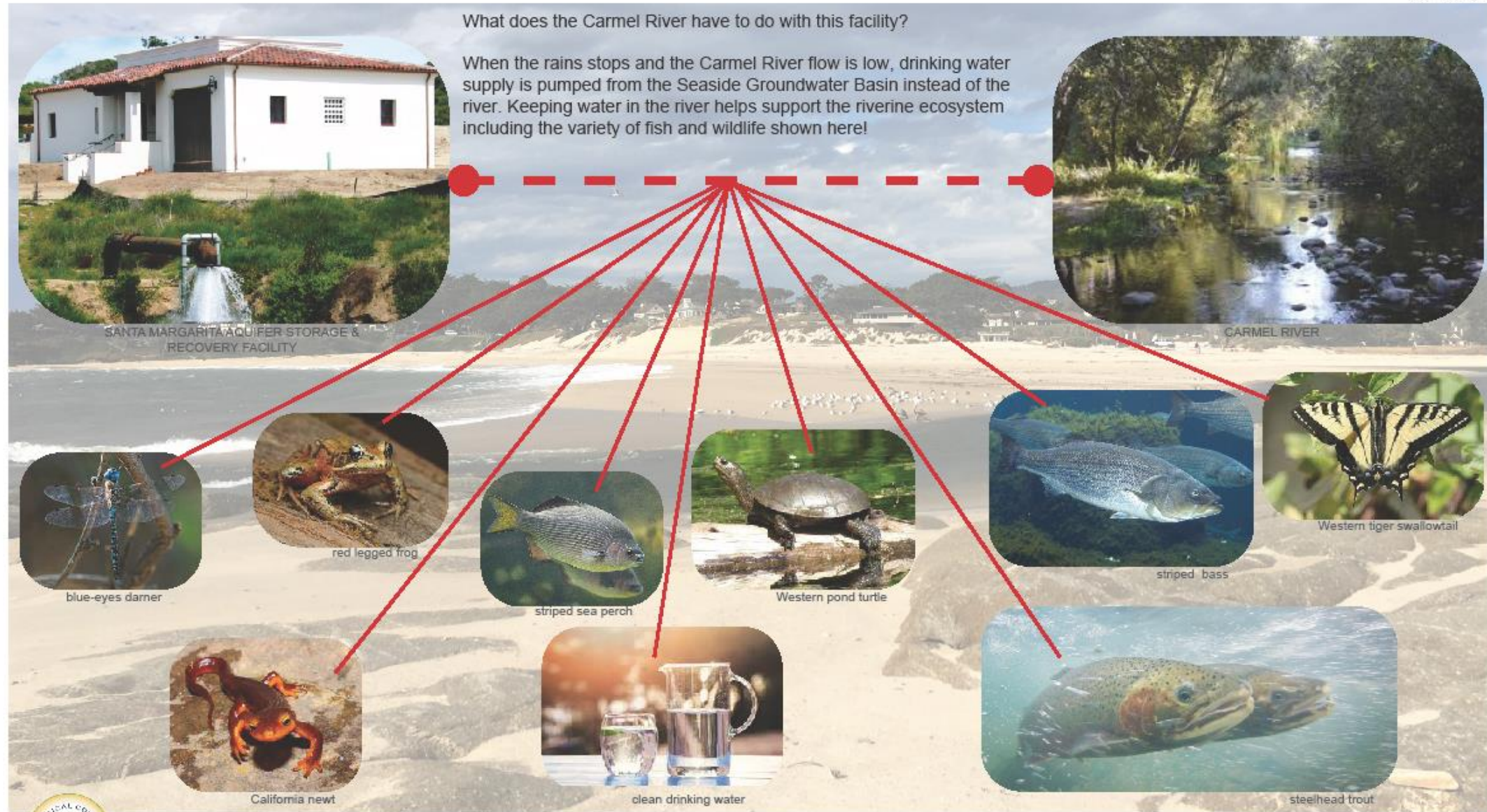
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Earth Point





## INTERPRETIVE SIGN "SOURCE & DESTINATION"

# Next Steps

1. Committee feedback
2. City concurrence
3. Fund, grant (?)
4. Graphic design, esthetics and print quality
5. Construct!

Questions and Comments?



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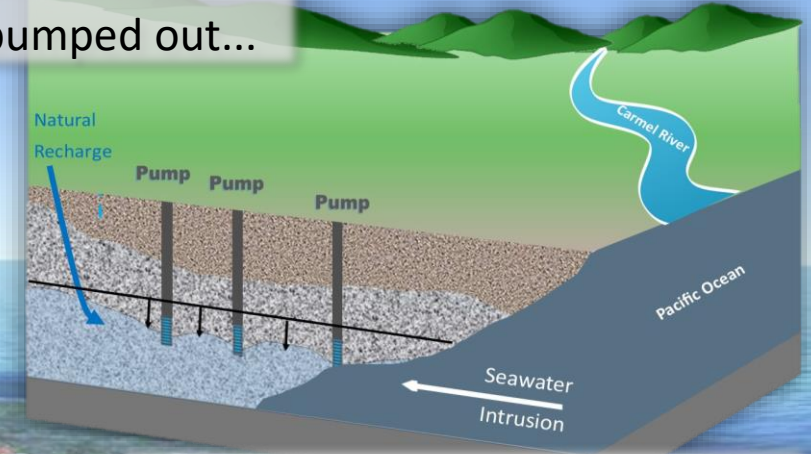
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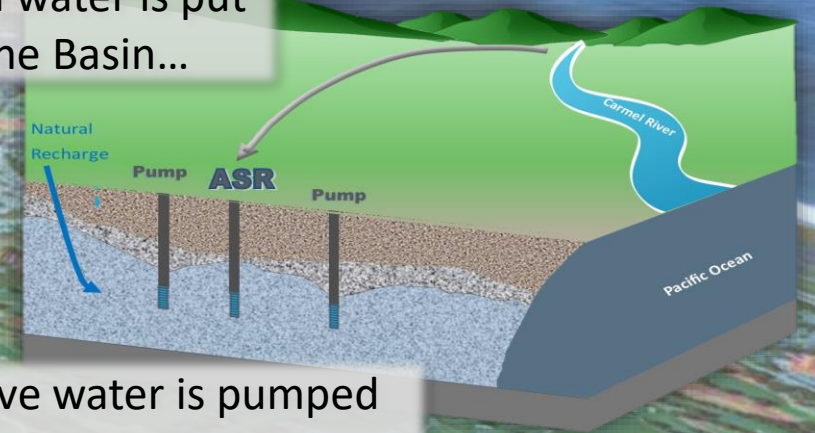
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# Explain ASR

- Clipart river to injection well, production to towns
  - Few words
- Map with water bodies
- Map with pipeline(?)

# Seaside Groundwater Basin

- Clip art
  - Depth
  - Wells
- Map of basin
- View from basin to Pensinula
- Role of SGB in Peninsula water supply
- Help keep our groundwater safer from sea water intrusion

# Benefit to Carmel River

- Winter lots of rain goes to the ocean
- Take the water in the winter when it is plentiful
- Store underground here
- Produce the water for humans in the summer when we need it!
- Keeps the river wetter and helps the animals



