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### COUNTY WATER RESOURCES MANAGER NAMED

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce that Sierra Ryan has been selected as the County's next Water Resources Manager.

Ryan has 14 years of experience working with water and environmental health issues in Santa Cruz County, including serving as a Resources Planner for the last 7 years with the County of Santa Cruz. She has experience working closely with water purveyors and other stakeholders to protect and enhance water resources in Santa Cruz County, including providing technical assistance and guidance on the development of local groundwater sustainability plans.

"I'm honored to be chosen to serve in this capacity," Ryan said. "Water is one of our most precious resources, and responsible stewardship of our water is key to our communities, our environment and the ecosystems that depend on water for their survival."

The County Water Resources Manager monitors and evaluates water resources issues within the county, tracks and evaluates water-related legislation, makes policy recommendations, and works with a wide variety of individuals and groups, including elected officials, community groups, consultants and other government agencies, to assure the sustainability of local water resources.

Ryan replaces former Water Resources Manager John Ricker, who retired in 2020.