

Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Advisory Committee Members

Members Appointed by the GSA Board

Drew Buechley – Agriculture

Mr. Buechley owns a ranch in the Two Rock area, where he grows grapes, hay, and silage, and manages a herd of horses. He was on the committee that successfully obtained American Viticultural Area status for the Petaluma Gap, and now serves as an Alumnus Director with the Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance.

Scott Tweten – At-Large

Mr. Tweten owns a rural property in the basin, where he is dependent upon well water for both domestic and agricultural use. He is a practicing physician.

Andy Rodgers – Business

Mr. Rodgers is 20-year rural residential property and well owner. He is a consulting geologist and has worked in the Petaluma basin and watershed on behalf of (and with) public agencies, private parties and NGOs. His community engagement includes serving on the Zone 2A Flood Control Advisory Committee, Friends of the Petaluma River Board, and North Bay Watershed Association Advisory Counsel.

John Shribbs – Environmental

Dr. Shribbs is a resident of Petaluma, and a retired science teacher from the Petaluma School District. Before teaching, he spent 15 years working in the pesticide industry. He remains active in the community as a Board Member for Petaluma Wetlands Alliance, and a volunteer with a variety of other environmentally-focused community groups.

Clayton Engstrom – Rural Residential

Mr. Engstrom has lived in the Petaluma basin and relied on well water since 1967. He currently owns two properties with a total of 3 wells in the basin. He is a licensed independent Real Estate Broker, and has worked with many properties that either have existing wells or will require wells as part of land development. He enjoys giving back to the community, and is a member of the Leghorn Valley Farm watch, the Government Affairs Committee for North Bay Association of Realtors, and the Sonoma County Alliance.

Members Appointed by Member Agencies

Heidi Bauer – City of Petaluma

Ms. Bauer is a 14-year resident of Petaluma. She is senior hydrogeologist with a consulting firm in Petaluma. She has a BS in geology and is a certified California Professional Geologist (PG). She has spent over 25 years managing the groundwater needs of clients by assessing groundwater and soil data, installing soil borings and wells, performing groundwater pump tests, determining groundwater flow direction and rate and other related skills.

Gary Mickelson – County of Sonoma

Mr. Mickelson was born and raised in Petaluma. He is a well driller, the past president of the California Ground Water Association, was a member of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Committee and the Santa Rosa Plan Technical Advisory Committee.

Eugene Camozzi – North Bay Water District

Mr. Camozzi is an organic dairy farmer and lifelong resident of the Petaluma area. He has been in the dairy business for the past 31 years in the Petaluma basin. He has learned a lot about the local ground water through research and experience of developing multiple wells on his farm. He has a keen knowledge of the wells and ground water systems in the area and stays current on local water issues.

Martha Murphy – Sonoma County Water Agency

Ms. Murphy is a California Professional Geologist and college instructor of geology and environmental science. She has lived in Petaluma for 20 years, and was actively involved in PTA/Boosters and other groups at the local schools. Martha is currently a volunteer at the Village Network of Petaluma, an organization that assists senior citizens in staying in their homes as they age.

Lindsey Strain – Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Ms. Strain lives just outside Petaluma, and is actively involved in the community as a board member of both Petaluma Sunrise Rotary and Sonoma County Young Farmers and Ranchers. She is a well owner and works in agriculture/aquaculture for Bodega Bay Oyster Company. She holds a BS in Agricultural Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.