Melanie Mow Schumacher, PE

Melanie is the Special Projects-Communications Manager at Soquel Creek Water District, a small water agency that relies on 100% local groundwater to serve approximately 50,000 residents in Santa Cruz County. Melanie received a civil engineering degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, a master’s degree in public administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, and is a registered civil engineer in the State of California. One of her primary duties at the District is being the project manager for the Pure Water Soquel Project which will recycle 25% of the treated effluent that is discharged out to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary for beneficial reuse protect the Santa Cruz Mid-County groundwater basin from further seawater contamination. She is also responsible for the communication, outreach, and education programs for the District.

Melanie is a past President of the Monterey Bay Water Works Association, volunteers in the community supporting youth sports and education, and is a board member for the Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce.

Fun things to note- No batteries required: Melanie operates on coffee, humor, and granola bars. She’s a recreational runner, a struggling artist, and is desperately trying to cultivate a green-thumb. She’s also proud that household uses about 30 gallons per person per day which is a result of taking out all the grass and taking quick showers.