**New Report Looks to the Kings Basin for Drought Solutions**

Water crises in California are not new. In recent times, however, record drought and climate change have strained the state’s water supply system and forced many farmers to become heavily reliant on groundwater reserves. In an attempt to reveal strategies for advancing groundwater sustainability, the [California Roundtable on Water and Food Supply (CRWFS)](http://aginnovations.org/roundtables/crwfs/), a project of Ag Innovations, has published a new report *Applying the Connectivity Approach: Groundwater Management in California’s Kings Basin* (Available at: <http://aginnovations.org/afa_uploads/Kings_Basin_Report.pdf>). The report examines the Kings Basin of California’s San Joaquin Valley to discover and clarify opportunities for improved connectivity in groundwater management planning and implementation in the state. Recommendations are identified in four primary areas: upper and lower watershed connectivity, surface and groundwater storage connectivity, alignment of governance structures and tools, and improved public and stakeholder engagement.

The report’s findings are grounded in the principles of the “connectivity approach,” a framework developed by CRWFS for resource managers, land use planners, and policymakers to discover the linkages, strengths, successes, potentials, and disconnects related to their particular resource stewardship issues. More information about this work, as well as previous reports on agricultural water stewardship and retention of water in the landscape can be found at: <http://aginnovations.org>.