



## **Regional Water Management Group**

**LOCATION:** Chowchilla City Hall (aka Civic Center)  
130 Second Street, Chowchilla – in the Training Room.

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### **AGENDA**

**Monday, August 26, 2019 1:30 pm**

1. Opening

- Flag Salute
- Introductions

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes/Notes

- Approval of June 24, 2019 Minutes
- Approval of July 22, 2019 Agenda

3. Public Comment

The first 15 minutes of each regular meeting is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Group, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Group at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Group. Any person addressing the Group under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Also, all persons addressing the Group must state their name and county of residence for the record.

Items of Interest

- The Water Board received funds from Prop 1 for a Technical Assistance Funding Program for DACs. The Water Board solicited applications from non-profit and university service providers back in 2015-2016 and awarded funds to fifteen different organizations (the list is attached), each of which promised to provide certain free services to water systems (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, groundwater) that serve DACs. The Water Board defines a DAC as below 80% of median household income. Local health departments can also apply for technical assistance to deal with drinking water issues.

The process for applying for assistance is as follows:

- Fill out the Assistance Request (AR) and submit it to the Water Board by email (the AR is attached, so you can see what it looks like). It does not need to be submitted by the water system (drinking water, wastewater, groundwater) but the staff at the water system need to be in the loop. This Technical Assistance program is specifically tailored to getting projects completed, not general capacity building.
- The Water Board reviews the AR, checks the DAC status of the given community, and - if the community and project are eligible - selects the appropriate service provider to handle the contract (you can also request a specific provider in the AR).
- The service provider and the water system would then coordinate to do the work.

At present, the Technical Assistance Program Fund has only used about half of its budget, and the Water Board extended the contracts of its service providers - they are absolutely still taking ARs and will be probably for another couple of years.

More information, including the AR instructions, can be found at the Water Board web page [here](#). Lastly, anyone wanting to identify drinking water purveyors that could use technical assistance should reach out to the appropriate Water Board Division of Drinking Water Services district office - a map with contact information is also attached.

- The U.S. Forest Service - Sequoia National Forest and Sierra National Forest have released drafts of their land management plans. Since the last time the forest plan was revised, our forests underwent major changes due to drought, the bark beetle and catastrophic wildfires. The draft plan would mitigate catastrophic wildland fire risk by increasing prescribed burns and would continue fuel reduction to restore our forests to a healthy state. Please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=3375> to review the forest plan revision and to make your comments.
- The GSP for the [Chowchilla Subbasin](#) is now available for your review, including Chapters One through Five. The document is written according to the [annotated outline](#) from the Department of Water Resources. We anticipate the release of the full [Madera Joint GSP](#) by August 9, so watch your e-mail for an announcement and a link. The Madera Joint GSP will be included in the September Water & Natural Resources Newsletter. There is a 90-day public comment period for each of the drafts.

Comments can be submitted to:

[ChowchillaGSPcomments@maderacounty.com](mailto:ChowchillaGSPcomments@maderacounty.com) using this form: [Comment Form](#)

or to [MaderaGSPcomments@maderacounty.com](mailto:MaderaGSPcomments@maderacounty.com) using this form: [Comment Form](#).

## NEW BUSINESS

### 4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report

- Warrant Approvals
- **Dues for Second Half of 2019.**

At the beginning of the year the group chose to have a two part dues – it was “possibly” going to be \$3,000.00 for 2019. Half was to be paid during the first six months, and the dues amount would be revisited in June to see if an additional \$1,500.00 would be necessary for the second half. No discussion was held in June or July, so this needs to be revisited.

### 5. Discussion – Groundwater Pumpers Group Update

### 6. Discussion - IRWM Plan Update

- Status

### 7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties
- San Joaquin Valley
  - P&P Report
  - Self Help Enterprises Report

### 8. Discussion - Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant

- Mountain Counties

- San Joaquin Valley Counties

## **OLD BUSINESS**

9. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management - SGMA
10. Report – Implementation Grant Project Updates
  - Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project
11. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG
12. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, August 26, 2019 - 1:30 pm.  
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13. Future Agenda Items
14. Adjourn
15. Closed Session