



Region At-A-Glance

Region Description

The Madera RWMG covers all areas within Madera County boundaries with a small over-lap in the North-Eastern part of the County with the Southern Sierra IRWM. Madera RWMG is eligible for funding in both the San Joaquin Funding Area and Mountain Counties Funding Area. The region faces many water issues including groundwater and surface water quality and quantity for urban, rural, and agricultural uses. There are currently 8 DACs within the Madera Region (DWR DAC Mapping Tool 2018). The Madera Region also lies in three subbasins: Delta-Mendota, Chowchilla, and Madera Subbasins.

Governance Description

The governance structure for the Madera RWMG is described in a Memorandum of Understanding, Bylaws and Ground Rules set forth in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan adopted by the group. Voting members pay dues on an annual basis, and those who qualify as a DAC do not need to pay these dues; however, DACs count as one vote together rather than an individual vote like paying members. The group meets on the fourth Monday of every month, except for holidays. The monthly meeting location rotates among three locations to allow for easier access for stakeholders throughout the region.

Regional Mission Statement

The mission of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) will facilitate future coordination, collaboration, and communication for comprehensive management of water resources in the Madera Region. Through the mutual understanding among entities in the Madera Region regarding their joint efforts toward Integrated Regional Water Management we will ensure governance, development, planning, funding, and implementation to make certain that optimal and affordable water supplies & facilities are available now and in the future to sustain this region and its responsible growth.

Top Needs and Goals

- Enhance drinking water quality, quantity and reliability
- Partner with local GSAs to achieve SGMA goals
- Achieve sustainable funding for flood control throughout the region
- Improve watershed health with projects to remove invasive plants and encourage native plants
- Increase and recruit DAC & Tribal representatives
- Manage forest density through forest fuel reduction

Successes and Milestones

1. Wrote the first IRWMP for Prop. 50 followed by accepted updates for Prop. 84 and Prop. 1, as well as creating and completing membership packets for new members and DACs.
2. Pursued and signed 7 MOUs with adjacent and neighboring IRWM/RWMG partners, and 20+ MOUs with our current and past members, as well as other partners in our Region.
3. Completed the Ash Slough Sediment removal project removing close to 311,000 tons of sediment to assist with flood hazard reduction through increased flood flow capacities.
4. Secured funding for 1,000+ residential water meter replacements for DACs in the Madera Region, and worked with local organizations on installing the new water meters.

Population Served

~157,000+

Local Cost Share

\$220,000+ (includes member dues and plan update contributions)

Total IRWM Funding to Date

~\$13.1 million

Projects Funded

10+

California Senate and Assembly Districts

Senate: 8, 12

Assembly: 5

