



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, May 22, 2023, 1:30 pm**

Notice and agenda for the regular meeting of the
Madera Regional Water Management Group.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Madera RWMG meeting will be held
VIA Teleconference:

AGENDA

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1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Introductions
2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of May 22, 2023, Agenda
 - B. Approval of April 24, 2023, Minutes

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 CDFA announced that the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEET) will make approximately \$40 million available for block grants, incentivizing agricultural operations to invest in irrigation systems that increase water use efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Under the pilot program, qualified organizations, such as Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), Irrigation Districts (IDs), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), and agricultural non-profit organizations, may apply for state funding and, if selected, then disburse funds to eligible farmers, ranchers, or agricultural operations for on-farm projects. Eligible block grant entities may request between \$2 million and \$5 million for each program.

For more information on SWEET Block Grant eligibility and program requirements, please visit the [SWEET website](#). Applications are due by 5 pm on Monday, June 19th. General questions regarding the solicitation process may be submitted to cdfa.sweetech@cdfa.ca.gov.

- DWR has recently developed and released the [Considerations for Identifying and Addressing Drinking Water Well Impacts](#) guidance document and technical assistance.

The Department also released a brochure, called [Alignment and Coordination: Water Shortage Planning for Rural Communities and Sustainable Groundwater Management](#). This brochure encourages voluntary collaboration between counties and GSAs as they coordinate their respective responsibilities for drought and water shortage planning efforts, for rural communities under Senate Bill 552, and the long-term sustainability goals of groundwater basins under SGMA.

- California has announced funding for the next round of the [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation \(SALC\) Program](#), which fights climate change by providing grants to projects that conserve agricultural lands and encourage sustainable development. The amount of funding for the upcoming Round 9 solicitation will be determined later this year. More information on applying for SALC grants can be found by [clicking here](#).
- The [Draft Drought Plan for Madera County](#) is now available for review and comment. This drought plan is in response to SB 552. Comments are due by May 31st and must be sent to wnr@maderacounty.com
- The USDA has announced their Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants program which has a rolling application deadline. This program supports eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible applicants must show a decline in quantity or quality of water that occurred within two years of the date of the application or that a significant decline in quantity or

quality of water is imminent. To learn more about eligibility and the application process, please [click here](#).

4. Review & Approval – May 2023 Financial Report (Carl Janzen)
5. Review & Approval – IRWM Funding Increase Request Letters (Jacob Roberson)
6. Discussion – Madera RWMG Accounting Functions (Jacob Roberson)
7. Discussion – Draft Bylaw Updates (Jacob Roberson)
8. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
 - A. San Joaquin Valley (Kristi Robinson)
 - Chowchilla Management Zone – Projects 12 and 13
9. Discussion – Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant
 - A. Mountain Counties
 - Indian Lakes (Eddie Mendez)
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - City of Madera (Keith Helmuth)
 - Parkwood (Eddie Mendez)
 - City of Chowchilla (Jason Rogers)
10. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant (Gretchen Heisdorf)
11. Discussion – Drought Working Group (Jenny Nunez-Rodriguez)
12. Discussion – IRWM Round 2 Application (Eddie Mendez)
13. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA (GSAs)
14. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG (All)
15. Future Agenda Items (All)
16. Next Meeting Time – Monday, June 26, 2023 - 1:30 pm on Zoom
17. Adjourn