



## **Regional Water Management Group** **Monday, August 28, 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 (Jacob Roberson)
  - B. Introductions (Everyone)
2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes
  - A. Approval of August 28, 2023, Agenda
  - B. Approval of June 26, 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** (Jacob Roberson)

- The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has published the [final guidelines](#) for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of funding under the Regional Resilience Grant Program. The grants are for projects that advance climate resilience and respond to climate risks. A series of workshops is being held to help applicants through the process. The full list of workshops is available on the [program's webpage](#).
- The DWR's innovative [Statewide Airborne Electromagnetic \(AEM\) Survey Project](#) recently released AEM data for the entire Central Valley. Over 11,500 line-miles of AEM data were collected within the Central Valley between December 2021 and May 2022 using helicopter-based technology that scans the earth's subsurface. Benefits of the Survey Project include:
  - Providing a standardized, statewide dataset that improves the understanding of groundwater aquifer structures and groundwater basin hydrology
  - Helping local GSAs further develop and refine hydrogeologic conceptual models and groundwater models that are required elements in GSPs
  - Helping local agencies determine areas in their basins where additional, more targeted surveys may be beneficial to fill data gaps
  - Helping local agencies determine the best places to locate groundwater recharge projects, and other projects that support long-term groundwater sustainability and water supply resilience
  - Providing this data to local agencies saves them the time and expense needed to gather this data themselves, and they can dedicate those resources instead to local projects and management actions that will help them reach their sustainability goals
- The CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development Grants is currently accepting applications for the 2023 Q3 review. The deadline to apply is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Grant Guidelines are available online and can be found by [clicking here](#). Highlights for the Q3 solicitation include:

- \$5 million available for Biomass Transportation projects
- Up to \$10 million for Business and Workforce projects

Applications must be submitted online via the [Business and Workforce Development 2023 Q3 Solicitation](#) online. For more information, please visit [CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy webpage](#).

- DWR recently released a brochure that provides an overview of the elements in SGMA. The brochure describes benefits of SGMA and includes DWR resources to help with SGMA compliance. The brochure is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- A [new flyer](#) from DWR provides the four initial steps for wells owners to take if they think their well has gone dry. The first step provides website information for contacting a certified well professional. The flyer information is part of the [Be Well Prepared](#) program that provides information and resources to help deal with

impacts of climate-driven weather extremes on groundwater supplies and drinking water wells. The flyer is available in [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#) as well.

- The California Water Plan team has scheduled two virtual workshops in September to cover three resource management strategies (RMS') that will support the [California Water Plan Update 2023](#). On [September 13<sup>th</sup>](#), the workshop will cover the draft Desalination RMS. On [September 21<sup>st</sup>](#), the draft Conjunctive Use RMS and the draft Recharge Area RMS will be discussed. The workshops will serve as a venue for interested parties to provide input on the draft content and recommendations.
  - DWR has release the [Status of 2023 Urban Water Managements Plans \(UWMPs\)](#). This is a part of a series of reports submitted to the Legislature every five years to summarize the status of the last [UWMP](#) submittals. The findings of the report show that most urban water suppliers are becoming more water efficient while demonstrating resiliency to drought and catastrophic events.
4. Review & Approval – July & August 2023 Financial Report (Carl Janzen)
  5. Review & Approval – Madera RWMG Vice-Chair (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 (Chowchilla Management Zone)
      - o Projects 12 and 13
  9. Discussion – Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant
    - A. Mountain Counties
      - o Indian Lakes (Madera County Public Works)
    - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
      - o City of Madera (Keith Helmuth)
      - o Parkwood (Madera County Public Works)
      - o 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 (Madera County Public Works)
  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, September 25, 2023 - 1:30 pm on Zoom

17. Adjourn