

Regional Water Management Group Monday, February 26, 2024, 1:30 pm

Notice and agenda for the regular meeting of the Madera Regional Water Management Group.

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AGENDA

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- 1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute (Jacob Roberson)
 - B. Introductions (Everyone)
- 2. Review & Approval Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of February 26, 2024, Agenda
 - B. Approval of January 22, 2024, 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)

 On March 26th and 27th, the Summit for Equity and Resilience in Water: Successes and Lessons Learned from the Integrate Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program will be held. This event is being offered both in-person and online. The in-person option will be held at the Los Angeles County Public Works Headquarters in Alhambra. Registration information and more details will be coming soon.

The purpose of this Summit is to showcase efforts across California to engage underserved and underrepresented communities in making key decisions that impact their access to safe and affordable water. The Summit will share and celebrate successes in this program, highlight lessons learned, and explore next steps for ongoing engagement of underserved communities and Tribes in water and climate resilience efforts.

- The California Water Commission approved a white paper that contains potential strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of drought. The white paper is in support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3, and will be shared with the Secretaries for Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, and Food and Agriculture, who requested the Commission's engagement on this topic.

The Commission's work on drought is forward-looking. The strategies proposed in the white paper integrate months of conservations with State agencies, experts, Tribes, water users, interest groups, interested parties, and the public. Input received has been taken and chartered a through-line, developing four key strategies for augmenting California's communities' and fish and wildlife species' drought resilience:

- Scale up groundwater recharge
- Conduct watershed-level planning to reduce drought impacts to ecosystems
- Better position communities to prepare for and respond to drought emergencies
- Support improved coordination, information, and communication in drought and non-drought years
- The DWR has published the <u>Status of 2020 Agricultural Water Management Plans and Implementation of Efficient Water Management Practices Report</u>. It covers information agricultural water suppliers must submit to DWR every five years. The report concludes that agricultural water suppliers are largely efficient and continue to improve efficiency through on-going implementation of efficient water management practices.
- 4. Review & Approval
 - A. February Financial Report (Jacob Roberson)
- 5. Review & Approval RCDs Joining the Madera RWMG as a DAC
- 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 (Becky Horn)
 - o Projects 12 and 13
- 9. Discussion Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant
 - A. Mountain Counties
 - Indian Lakes (Fahed Mosleh)
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - Parkwood (Fahed Mosleh)
 - City of Madera (Keith Helmuth)
 - 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 (Kim Sandoval)
- 13. Discussion IRWMP Project List Call for Projects
- 14. Discussion In-Person Meeting Late Winter / Early Spring
- 15. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG (All)
- 16. Future Agenda Items (All)
- 17. Next Meeting Time Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:30 pm on Zoom
- 18. Adjourn