



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, October 28, 2024, 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 – October 28th Agenda & September 23rd 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 Madera County Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) was officially adopted by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, 10/1/24, using \$10 million in state funds. This program aims to reduce reliance on groundwater by putting cropland to other uses such as solar energy, water recharge basins, wildlife habitat and recreation, and others. Interested landowners can submit pre-application proposals by [clicking here](#). Pre-application proposals must be submitted prior to November 22nd of this year.

If you have any questions, need assistance with filling out the pre-application proposal, need language assistance, or another assistance, please email mlrp@maderacountywater.com.

- The DWR has released the [Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update](#), which provides a look back at groundwater conditions following California's historic 2023 Water Year and an average 2024 Water Year. It also summarizes groundwater conditions over the first 0-years of SGMA Implementation (2014 – 2024). The groundwater update includes GSP annual report data reported by local GSAs across 99 groundwater basins, which make up over 90% of the groundwater use in the state.

The data in this report show that during the 2023 Water Year, groundwater level began to rebound from the prior drought years, but only partially. In Water Year 2024, groundwater levels continued to stabilize, but it will likely require several more wet years, along with focused efforts to increase groundwater recharge and reduce pumping, to recover from the most recent and past droughts and the cumulative depletion of groundwater aquifers that has occurred over decades. Additionally, like previous dry-wet-dry climate cycles, land subsidence rates are likely to increase again during future dry periods unless long term groundwater extraction is reduced as part of ongoing sustainable groundwater management.

4. Review & Approval

A. October Financial Report (Jacob Roberson)

5. Discussion – Chowchilla Management Zone (Becky Horn)

6. Discussion – Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant

A. San Joaquin Valley Counties

- o City of Madera (Keith Helmuth)
- o City of Chowchilla (Jason Rogers)

7. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant (Gretchen Heisdorf)

8. Discussion – Drought Working Group (Jenny Nunez-Rodriguez)

9. Discussion – Hidden Lakes Water Storage Tanks and Fill Line Project (Fahed Mosleh / Craig Wagner)

10. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG (All)

11. Future Agenda Items (All)

12. Next Meeting Time – Monday, November 25, 2024, at 1:30 pm on Zoom

13. Adjourn