



Regional Water Management Group

LOCATION: Online (ZOOM)

MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2025, 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm, by Bobby Macaulay, chairperson.

Those present included:

Al Solis – SEMCU

Aleta Allen – Madera County

Allison Medley – Madera County

Bobby Macaulay – Madera County

Celeste Wheeler – Indian Lakes

Clyde Wheeler – Indian Lakes

Dina Nolan – Madera ID

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD

Erik Rodriguez – UCCE Small Farms

Fahed Mosleh – Madera County

Gretchen Heisdorf – Root Creek WD

Jacinta Cabral – Madera County

Jacob Roberson – RWMG Coordinator

Jason Rogers – City of Chowchilla

Jeannie Habben – Madera County

Keith Helmuth – City of Madera

Kevin Sischo – Madera County

Lance Fink – North Fork Rancheria

Phil Janzen – Madera WD

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- A motion to approve the November minutes and January agenda was made by Jason R; Gretchen H second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- Items of interest were mentioned by Jacob R (for more information, reach out to Jacob):
 - November's Flood-MAR Program's lunchtime webinar recording is now available online.
 - Also available online is the recording of the November 18th 10-year SGMA Anniversary event hosted by DWR.
 - The California Water Commission has released its 2025 Strategic Plan, and will be updated every five years.
 - DWR released the provisional Water Year 2023 Statewide Land Use Data.
 - The California Natural Resources Agency will be providing a briefing on implementing the Climate Bond (Prop 4). The briefing will be held on Thursday this week at 4 pm on Zoom.
 - CAL FIRE, in collaboration with other agencies, will host an introductory webinar that will educate on the brand-new California Community Wildfire Protection Plans Toolkit on Zoom. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, from 3 pm – 4 pm.

4. Discussion & Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

- January 2025 Financial Report
 - Jacob R reported that in December, we received payment from 9 paying members and had no outgoing expenses. This ended December with \$23,641.60.

- In January, we received payment from 1 paying member and had no outgoing expenses. This ended the month with \$26,491.60.
 - A motion to approve the January financial report was made by Gretchen H; Phil J second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion & Approval – 2025 Madera RWMG Officer Elections

- Jacob R mentioned that every January, the officer elections are held for the Madera RWMG. This allows the opportunity for a new Chairperson and/or Vice-Chair to be elected with a nomination and majority vote. Current officers may also be nominated and reelected to serve for another year.
- No new nominations were mentioned for either position.
 - A motion to keep Bobby Macaulay as Chairperson and Phil Janzen as Vice-Chair was made by Keith H; Gretchen H second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- San Joaquin Valley
 - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone
 - Becky H is unable to make the meeting today, and provided Jacob R with an update:
 - CMZ continues to send out mailers and perform water tests, providing bottled water to those whose domestic wells have tested high in Nitrates (over 10 mg/L). Their 2025 budget was approved unanimously by their committee, and they've sent out their assessment billing invoices to their participants. Most of their efforts right now are in working with their tech consultants in collecting and preparing information for their annual report that will be submitted to the State Water Board in March.

7. Discussion – Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding

- San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - City of Madera
 - Keith H reported that the grant is complete.
 - City of Chowchilla
 - Jason R reported that they are nearing completion. They have some settlement issues at the infiltration station that needs to be corrected. Other than this, they are close to closing out the project.

8. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant

- Gretchen H reported for the various projects going on under this grant:
 - Pay Request and Progress Report 9 were approved on 12/18/24 and payment was received on 1/23/25 from DWR.
 - Pay Request and Progress Report 10 are in development, and will provide more information at next month's meeting.

9. Discussion – Drought Working Group

- Jeannie H commented that their next meeting is on Friday, February 21st. Felix with NOAA in Hanford will do a presentation on the snow drought and give an update on the weather. During the May/June meeting, they are working with RCAC to do a presentation on the clean drinking water and well replacement program. They are also working with USDA NRCS on doing a drought resource presentation during the May/June meeting in preparation of another dry year.

10. Discussion – Hidden Lakes Water Storage Tanks and Fill Line Project

- Fahed M reported that they are nearing the end of the project. The storage tanks have been installed, the on-site piping has been completed, the tanks have been filled with water, and sampling tests & Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) tests have been submitted. All submitted tests have come back good. This week, they are in the process of tying in the two tanks into the system. More sampling will need to be submitted to the State but once everything is in the clear, they have the final stage of the project which will be the patching of the trench. They will be resurfacing the areas where trenching was done for the full width of the road. Fahed added that they have been sending updates to the Hidden Lakes community to keep them informed on the project. They do not have a timetable right now on when the resurfacing will be done, but they expect the project to be done by the end of next month.
 - Bobby M asked if the fire hydrants are functioning properly, and Fahed said he has had no issues with the hydrants mentioned to him.

11. New/Suggested Members for the Madera RWMG

- Bobby M asked if there were any new prospective members, and Jacob R mentioned he has gotten responses from most groups he has reached out to about joining the group or attending meetings to get a feel for the group, but he did not hear back from the Picayune Rancheria. For the Alviso WD/GSA, they are thinking about joining the group.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Jacob R mentioned that a representative with DWR's IRWM Branch will be attending our April 28th meeting to provide an update on Prop 4 funding.

13. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025, on Zoom

14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 pm.