

Madera IRWM Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Group Member Application

Introduction

The Madera Region Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) seeks the participation of disadvantaged communities (DACs) in the RWMG's water resource management efforts. For those DACs that do not have the ability to contribute monetary dues to the RWMG, they are encouraged to participate in the RWMG through the "DAC Group." The application for DAC Group membership is found below.

Membership Eligibility

Membership in the Madera RWMG is open to local agencies, non-profit organizations, or other entities in the Region that desire to participate in the adoption, further development, funding, and implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Interested parties may seek to join the RWMG at any time.

Interested entities should review the Madera RWMG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Madera RWMG By-Laws and Rules of Order, and Madera Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) prior to completing the application below.

Membership Application Requirements

Minimum Participation Requirements

To be a member of the DAC Group, the applying organization must, at minimum, adopt a "resolution of support" of the IRWMP. This resolution must be formally adopted by the governing body or equivalent. (e.g., by a board of directors, or other management entity authorized to bind the entity). A sample resolution is attached to this document.

Participation Requirements Necessary for DWR Project Funding Eligibility

In order to be eligible for IRWM project funding the applicant must adopt the Madera Region IRWMP. For a Local Agency, adoption of the IRWMP is by formal resolution of the governing body or its equivalent (e.g., by a board of directors or other management entity). For any other entities, adoption by way of acknowledgement of acceptance of the IRWMP by the individual(s) authorized to bind the entity, is required.

To learn more about DWR IRWM eligibility criteria go to <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/guidelines.cfm> page 14, item III, B.

DAC Group Voting at the RWMG

The DAC Group is recognized as a single voting entity for the purpose of governance of the full Madera RWMG. The DAC Group has one representative and one alternate representative on the RWMG.

Selection of Voting Representative

Selection of the DAC Group representative and alternate will be as follows: a letter soliciting nomination of a RWMG candidate to represent the DAC Group will be sent to each DAC within the Madera Region. From the responses received, a list of candidates will be compiled and a ballot distributed to all DACs within the Madera Region; each DAC having one vote in the election. Upon receipt of all ballots within a stated time period, the individual with the most votes shall become the DAC Group representative and the individual with the second most votes shall be the alternate. Said representative and alternate shall serve a two-year term with no limit on the number of terms that an individual can serve.

Madera RWMG DAC Group Application

Organization
Name:

Address:

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Primary
Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Alternate
Contact:

Phone:

Email:

1. Areas of Interest

Please share issues of interest or concern for your organization (for example: flood management, water quality, groundwater management...see the following page of this application for a longer list); if desired please also share why your organization is concerned about the issues listed.

2. Governing Body

Please explain the structure of your organization's governing body (e.g., board of directors or other management entity authorized to bind the entity).

3. Formal Support

Minimum Support

Has your organization adopted a "resolution of support" of the Madera Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)?

Yes No

If your organization has not yet adopted a resolution of support, when do you plan to?

Level of Support Necessary for DWR Project Funding Eligibility

Has your organization formally adopted the Madera IRWMP?

Yes No

Has your organization become a signatory to the MOU?

Yes No

If your organization has not yet adopted the IRWMP or signed the MOU, do you plan to? If yes, when?

4. Other

Is there anything else you would like to share?

Water related needs and concerns of the group per the MOU section 3.2 include but are not limited to: ecosystem restoration, environmental and habitat protection and improvement, water supply reliability, flood management, groundwater management, recreation and public access, storm water capture and management, water conservation, water quality protection and improvement, water recycling, wetlands enhancement and creation, imported water, land use planning, nonpoint source pollution control, surface storage, watershed planning, water and wastewater treatment, water transfers and water banking.

[Sample resolution / May be adapted as desired]

MADERA REGION REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Resolution to Adopt

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared its intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding for development of regional water management plans and projects identified in those plans; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has issued guidelines for preparing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and for distributing State bond monies; Initially formed in 2008, the Madera Region Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) as currently defined by the exact same borders as Madera County was officially formed January 2, 2010 and approved as such by DWR on June 6, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Madera Region RWMG works to facilitate coordination, collaboration, and communication for comprehensive management of water resources in the greater Madera County area; and the member desire to link and integrate efforts to jointly oversee the further development, implementation, funding, and governance of the Madera Region IRWMP.

WHEREAS, the Madera Region RWMG does not replace or supersede local water supply or land use planning, nor usurp any water district, city, or county authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Region RWMG does not bind the adopting agency to any policies, but rather acts as a roadmap for the region's water related goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the {ORGANIZATION NAME} hereby supports the goals and efforts of the Madera RWMG as endorsed by a majority of {INSERT NAME OF BODY SUCH AS BOARD} attending the {INSERT DATE AND TITLE OF MEETING}; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the {ORGANIZATION NAME} hereby adopts the April 2008 Madera IRWMP as endorsed by a majority of {INSERT NAME OF BODY SUCH AS 'BOARD'} attending the {INSERT DATE AND TITLE OF MEETING}; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the {ORGANIZATION NAME} hereby agrees to participate in future Madera Region RWMG and IRWMP water planning efforts and/or updates. The {ORGANIZATION NAME} hereby also intends to become a signatory of the Madera Region RWMG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).