

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CREDITING WITHIN THE MADERA COUNTY GSA IN THE CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN

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STATUS OF GSPS

- Madera Joint GSP – Chapters One and Two have been released; July 2019 release date for complete draft
- Comment form available at maderacountywater.com
- Public Comments for Madera Joint GSP at MaderaGSPComments@maderacounty.com

NEXT MEETING DATES

- County Advisory Committee
 - May 17 at 2 p.m. at BOS Chambers
 - How should allocations of “existing stored groundwater” be allocated within the GSA?
 - All acres, irrigated and non-irrigated, or limit to irrigated only?
 - Should lands that receive an allocation receive the same initial allocation and follow the same ramp-down pattern? Or, should the allocation or ramp-down vary by crop type, recent history or other factor?
 - Is there another approach worth considering?