



# Update on Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Outline

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## Update on Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Outreach Updates

- Water Market Simulation Launch Webinar
  - January 13 at 3 p.m.
- SALC (Land Repurposing) grant Webinar
  - January 14 at 10 a.m.
- Satellite Technology and ET Webinar
  - January 20 at 10 a.m.
- Recharge Study Webinar
  - February 4 at 10 a.m.



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### Outreach Options – How much is enough?

- Interested Parties List
- MaderaCountyWater.com website
- Monthly e-newsletter and e-reminders
- Social Media with Public Information Team
- Informal Technical Workgroup Meetings of GSA representatives
- Public Subbasin Meetings
- Public GSA Meetings
- Community Meetings
- GSA Workshops with Spanish translation
- Individual emails and feedback and pre-covid drop-ins
- Briefings by demographic group as requested
- Advisory Committee with multiple Ad Hoc



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Madera Subbasin	Chowchilla Subbasin	Delta-Mendota Subbasin
US Bureau of Reclamation	US Bureau of Reclamation	US Bureau of Reclamation
The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy
UC Davis Graduate Student: Kristin D.	UC Davis Graduate Student: Kristin D.	UC Davis Graduate Student: Kristin D.
CVFPB	CVFPB	CVFPB
NMFS	NMFS	NMFS
Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee	Delta-Mendota Coordination Committee	Andy Gordus
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	CA DWR Division of Flood Management	Tom Lippe
Audubon California	American Rivers	
Joe Smith		
Steven Chavira		



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- Under SGMA, the GSAs have the ability to assess penalties for using more water than allocated.
- Penalties would need to be established under an ordinance.
- Options include (either or both):
  - A civil penalty up to \$500/AF extracted in excess of any amount the person is authorized to extract.
  - A civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 plus \$100 for each additional day after 30-days of notice.



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- GSA assumes all current/recent irrigating parcels are “in” and will have access to allocations
- To “opt out” requires a contract with the GSA for each parcel stating you will not:
  - access sustainable yield over the next five years
  - access sustainable yield this year
  - access transitional water this year
- GSA will monitor use and non-use.
- Staff recommends penalties as:
  - up to \$500/AF penalty for pumping beyond the allocation
  - \$1,000 civil penalty and \$100 for each additional day after notification
  - The penalty amount would be determined at the end of the water year or calendar year.



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