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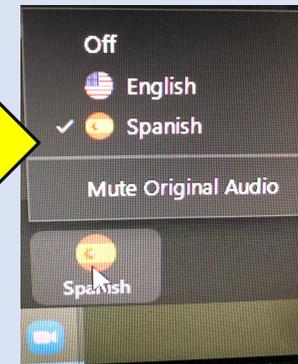
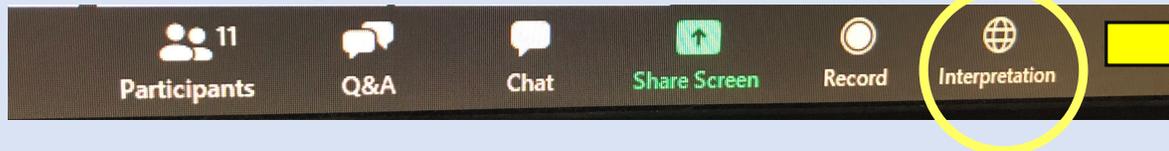
Chowchilla Management Zone Early Action Plan Well Testing and Interim Water Replacement Public Outreach Meeting, June 2, 2021

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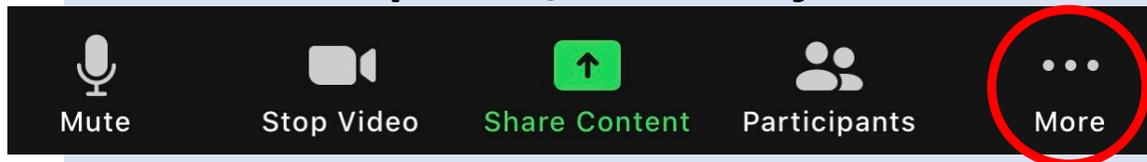
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- Mute your audio and remain on mute unless you are recognized to speak
- We will stop the presentation at two places to provide opportunity for questions:
 - Approximately halfway through the presentation and again at the end
- If you have a question during a Q&A time period:
 - Click on the “Q&A” icon and type your question for our team to read and address
- If you are having technical issues, please use the “Chat” function. One of our meeting hosts will try to provide assistance.

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Introduction

- Who we are:
 - Sarah Woolf, Christina Beckstead, and Kristi Robinson
 - Technical Team: Vicki Kretsinger-Grabert (LSCE), Richard Meyerhoff (GEI), and Barb Dalgish (LSCE)
 - Community Development/Outreach: Self-Help Enterprises
- What we are going to talk about today:
 - Overview of the Nitrate Control Program
 - Overview of the Chowchilla Management Zone
 - Early Action Plan (EAP) Implementation Overview
 - Well Testing and Interim Water Replacement Programs
 - Connecting with Groundwater Users in the Management Zone
- Volunteer to get your well tested by Self-Help Enterprises





Overview of the Nitrate Control Program



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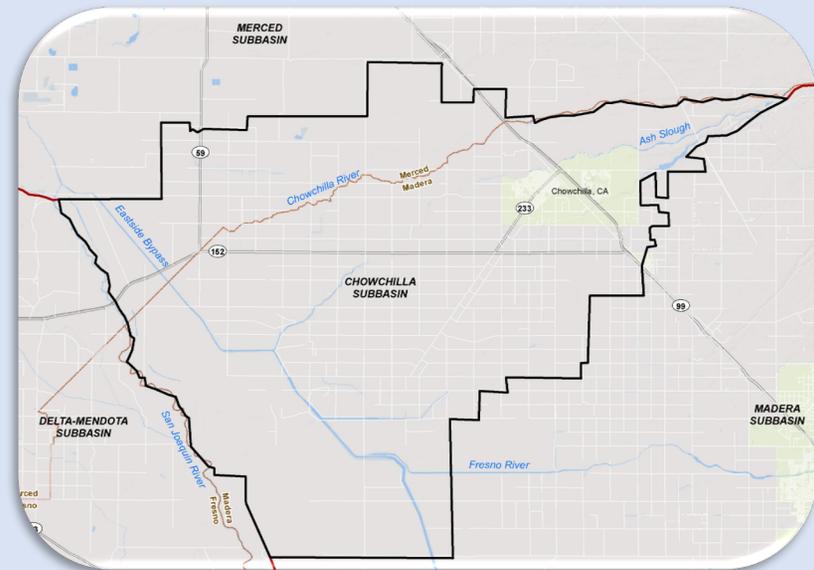
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What is the Nitrate Control Program?

- New State regulation to resolve groundwater affected by nitrate.
- Three goals:
 1. Provide safe drinking water supplies
 2. Reduce Nitrate impacts to water supplies
 3. Restore groundwater quality where reasonable, feasible, and practicable.
- On May 29, 2020, entities with permits to discharge nitrate received a Notice to Comply with this new regulation.
- Two major documents were submitted to the State on March 8, 2021
 - Preliminary Management Zone Proposal & Early Action Plan
- Implementation of the Early Action Plan officially started on May 7, 2021





Overview of the Chowchilla Management Zone



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What is a Management Zone and how can I be involved?

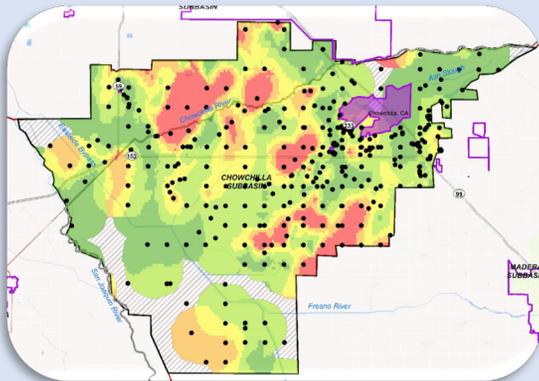
- **The Management Zone** is made up of community members that represent industries.
- **The Chowchilla Management Zone will:**
 - Bring safe drinking water to your community, where needed.
 - We work together and share the cost of Nitrate Management.
 - We identify solutions tailored to the Chowchilla area.
- **We want you to be involved!**
 - We need your input too – if you are a resident, we want direct input from you about water solutions.



What does the Chowchilla Management Zone do?



Find out where nitrate has impacted groundwater and identify those residents and wells.



Collaborate with stakeholders to determine appropriate water solutions and address nitrate issues.



Prepare and submit required regulatory documents.





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Questions?



Drinking Water Solutions: Early Action Plan Implementation



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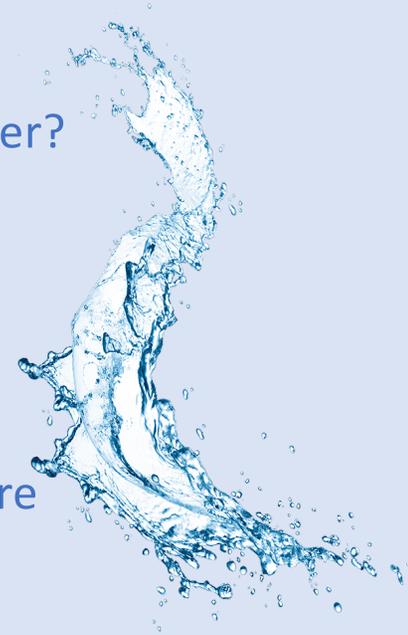
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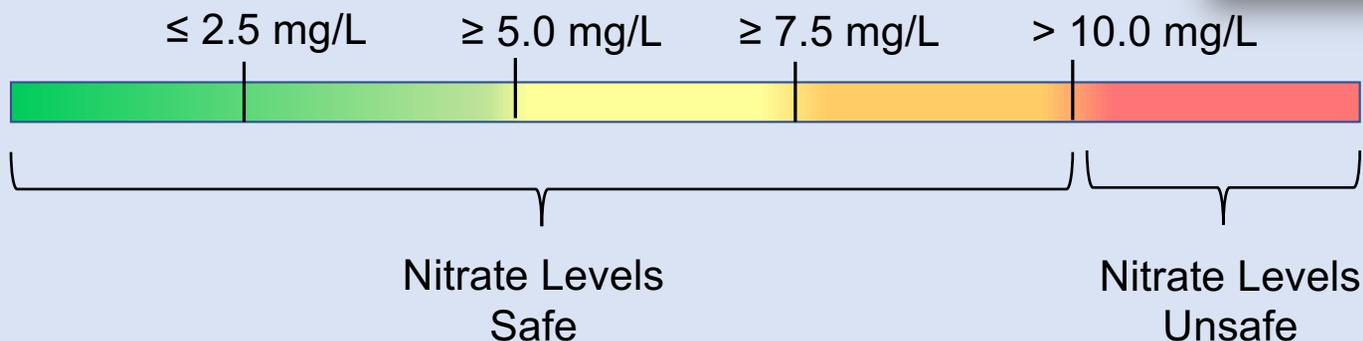
Drinking Water Solutions: Early Action Plan

- What is the Early Action Plan?
- What options will be available to receive safe drinking water?
- How can I receive bottled water?
- How do I know what the nitrate level is in the well at my home?
- What is an alternative to bottled water?
- As we continue to implement the Early Action Plan, how are we connecting with you?



What is involved with Implementation of the Early Action Plan?

- A plan to provide **free well testing** and **access to safe drinking water** for those who are dependent on groundwater from wells that exceed the nitrate safe drinking water standard.



How can I receive Bottled Water?

- Services may be provided if you meet these three criteria
- Replacement water services will be provided at no cost to you.



My home is in the Chowchilla Management Zone



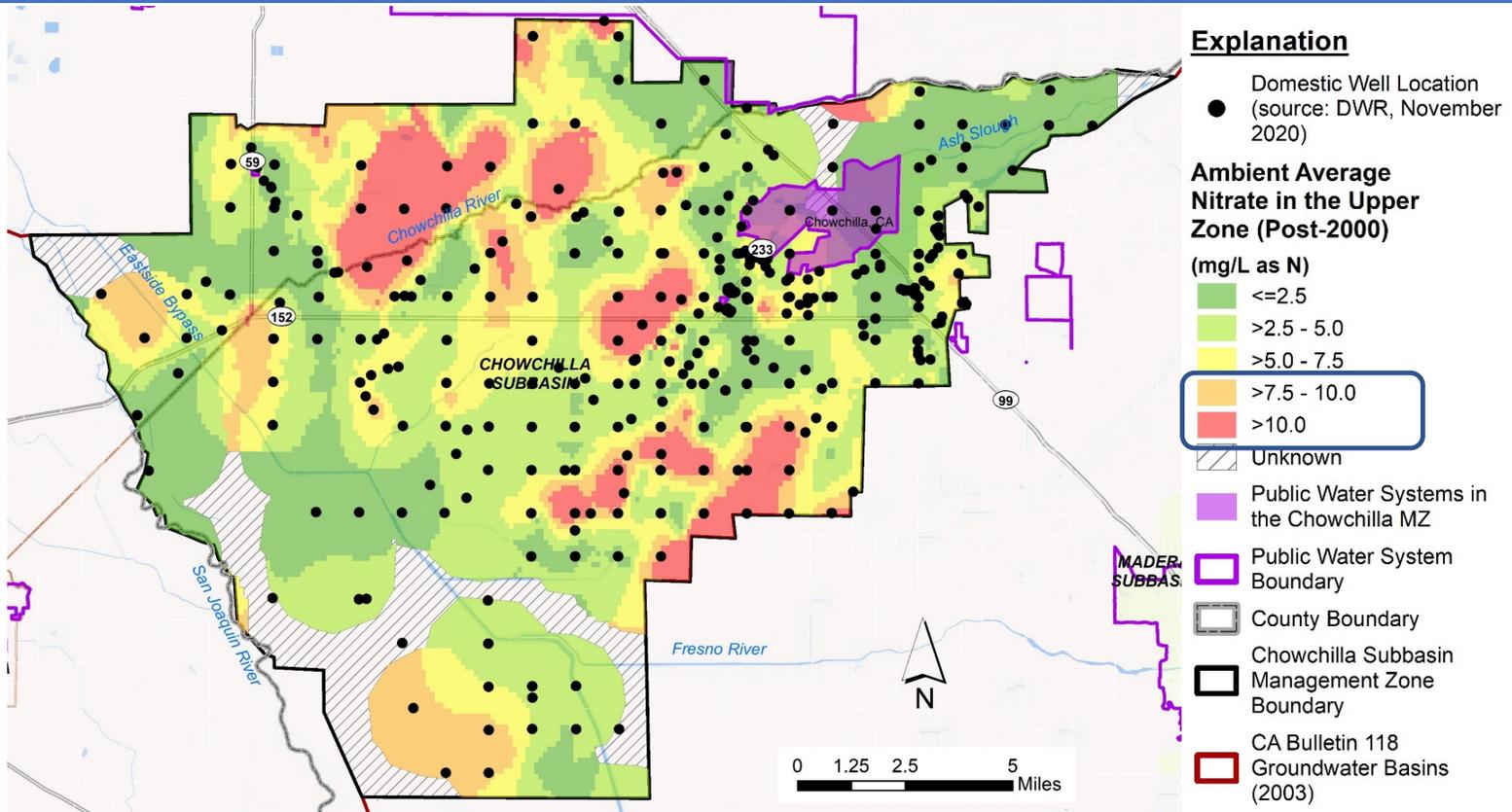
I am willing to have my well tested



My well has unsafe nitrate levels (> 10 mg/L-N)



Where do you get your drinking water?

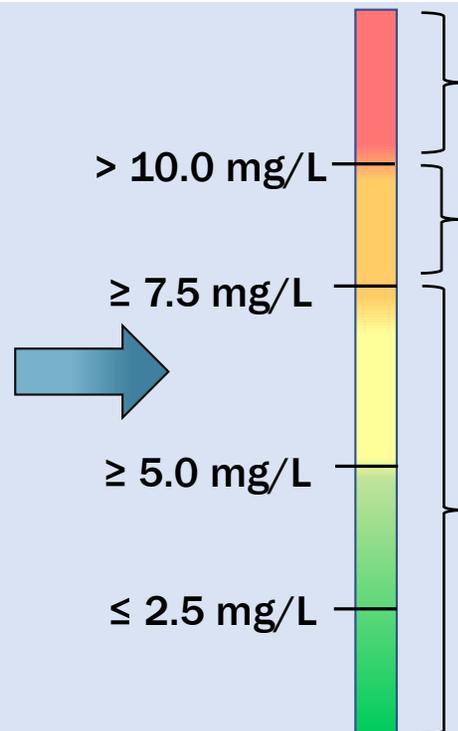


Estimated number of domestic wells in “elevated nitrate areas” = 130

Estimated population in “elevated nitrate areas” = 786

How do I know what the nitrate level is in the well at my home?

- Representative from the Management Zone (MZ) will come to your home to test your well water for nitrate at no cost to you
 - Results will be provided to you
 - Test results determine next steps



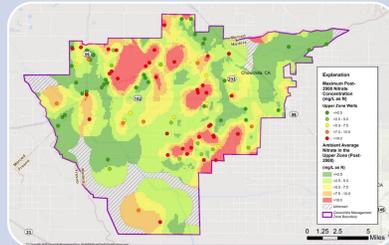
Nitrate level unsafe – MZ begins replacement water service as quickly as possible

Nitrate level high but safe – Provide opportunity for free annual follow-up well testing

Nitrate level low to moderate – No need for additional testing for nitrate under Early Action Plan

As we implement the Early Action Plan, how will we connect with you?

- Implementation of the Early Action Plan began on May 7, 2021
- Three ways to connect



Targeted Outreach to You – Focus is on Potential Areas with Unsafe Nitrate Levels...

General Outreach to Everyone in the Community...

But...Contact Us Anytime to Have Your Well Tested for Nitrate



Well Testing and Interim Water Replacement Program Steps



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Steps for Free Well Testing Program

1. Contact the Management Zone:
 - Phone: **559-373-7399**
 - Email: **chowchilladrinkingwater@gmail.com**
2. Qualify for the Well Testing Program
 - Are you a resident of the MZ? (We will request your address)
 - Do you get your drinking water from a private domestic well?
 - Are you already part of another monitoring program (if so we may be able to help you find the nitrate concentration in your well)?
 - Do you rent or own?
3. Schedule a Well Test
 - Someone from CMZ (or a contracted laboratory) will call you to schedule a well test
4. Technician arrives at your house and samples your well water
5. Well sample is analyzed by the laboratory
6. You receive a call reporting the nitrate results

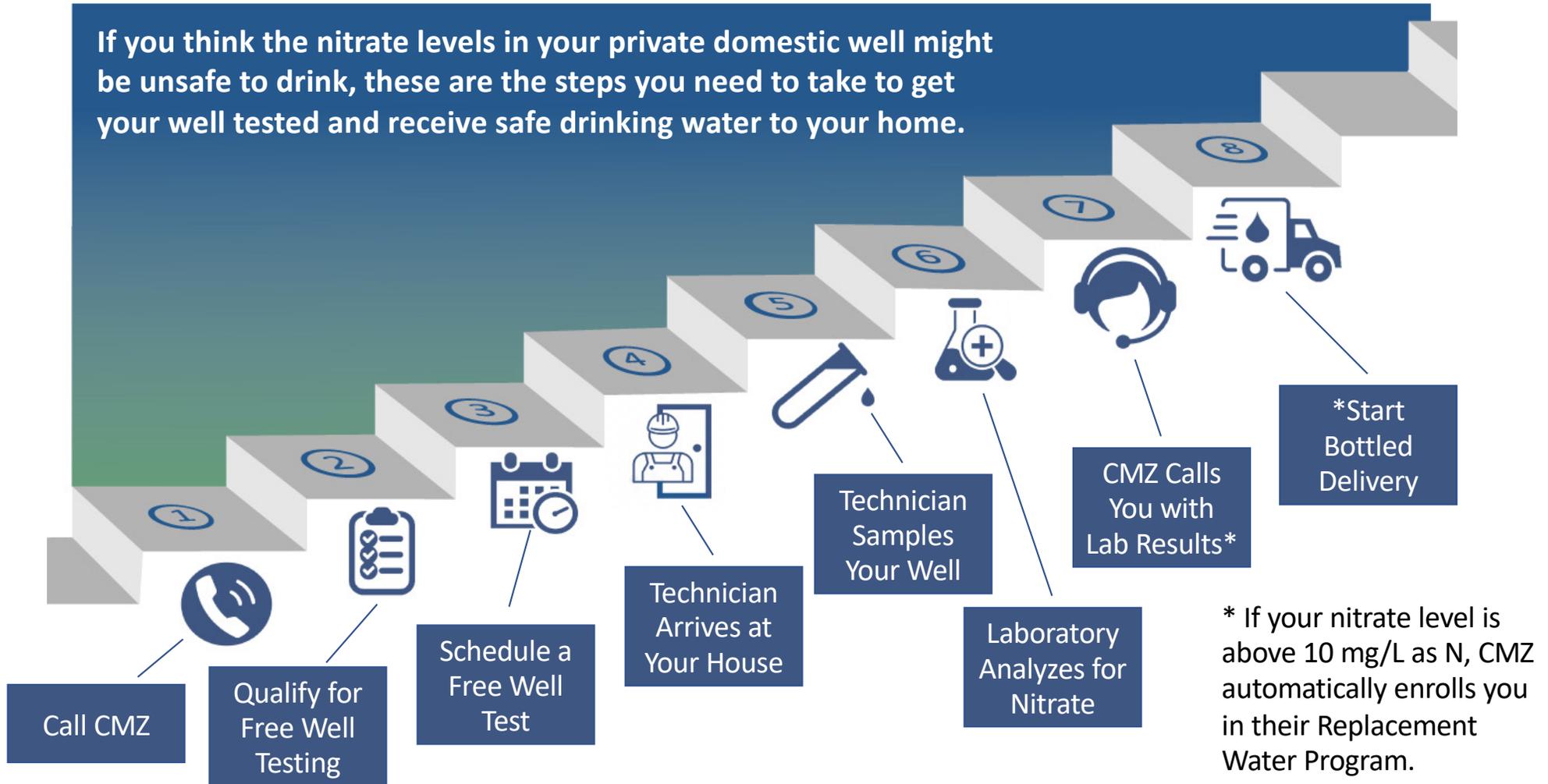


Steps for Free Interim Water Replacement Program

1. If your well test results indicate that nitrate levels are unsafe for drinking, the MZ immediately enrolls you in the MZ's replacement water program.
2. The MZ will connect you, the resident, with the MZ's replacement water provider (currently bottled water service) to establish:
 - Delivery contract (if needed)
 - Delivery schedule
 - Delivery amount
3. Start receiving safe drinking water

Steps for Well Testing and Bottled Water

If you think the nitrate levels in your private domestic well might be unsafe to drink, these are the steps you need to take to get your well tested and receive safe drinking water to your home.



What if.....?

1. What if your well tests close to the maximum contaminant level (of 10 mg/L as N) but does not exceed the limit for safe drinking water?
 - If nitrate is >7.5 mg/L as N, the CMZ will retest your well within one year of the well test.
2. What if I want to test my well for other chemicals besides nitrate?
 - The CMZ is working with other agencies to develop additional testing options, e.g.,
 - The CMZ has partnered with Madera County and SHE to complete other chemical tests during the well testing process for a limited number of wells.
 - The CMZ is also coordinating with the SAFER program, which is also concerned with other contaminants, to develop opportunities for testing of other constituents.
3. What if I don't want bottled water?
 - Point-of-Use and Fill Stations are being considered as alternatives. This is where we need your input to tell us what works best for you.



Connecting with Groundwater Users in the CMZ



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What is the Management Zone Doing for Outreach?

- Partnering with Self-Help Enterprises
- Outreach to all stakeholders in the MZ
- Public meetings (this is the fifth one)
- We want to hear from you
 - Survey: See chat box for English & Spanish links
 - Please provide us with your comments and feedback
 - Interested Party Email List: chowchilladrinkingwater@gmail.com
- Other resources
 - Madera County Website
 - Storymap and Interactive Nitrate Map
- Outreach continues...



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Volunteers Needed for Self-Help Enterprises Well Testing

- Right now, we are looking for wells in the Chowchilla Management Zone to be volunteered for **free** well testing.
- A representative from Self-Help Enterprises can come in-person to your home and sample your well at no cost to you.
- Contact **Kristi Robinson at 559-373-7399** if you are interested and we can connect you to Self-Help
- Email chowchilladrinkingwater@gmail.com



Self-Help Enterprises:

- Created drinking water solutions in other counties
- Branching out into Madera County, specifically the Chowchilla Management Zone

- SHE continues to support the Chowchilla Management Zone with outreach and engagement efforts
- SHE has reached out to various stakeholders
 - School Districts
 - Leadership Development
 - Domestic Well Owners
- Continue to support relationship building



SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES OUTREACH



More and More Outreach

- The Management Zone will continue to hold virtual meetings until it is safe to hold them in person (hopefully soon!).
- Self-Help Enterprises continues to perform local outreach within the communities of the Management Zone (limited due to COVID)
 - SHE will help with EAP Implementation to meaningfully engage the community.

**Outreach
efforts will not
stop!**



More and More Outreach

Current Management Zone Outreach:

- Social Media (own Facebook page)
- Posting in community spaces
- Email
- Website posting

Considering other ways to reach residents:

- Direct Mail
- Phone calls
- TV
- Radio Ads

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We want to hear from you!

Do you, the public, prefer:

- In-person meetings;
- Virtual meetings (via zoom, youtube, or facebook live); or
- Hybrid (in-person but with zoom capabilities)

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Contacts for More Information

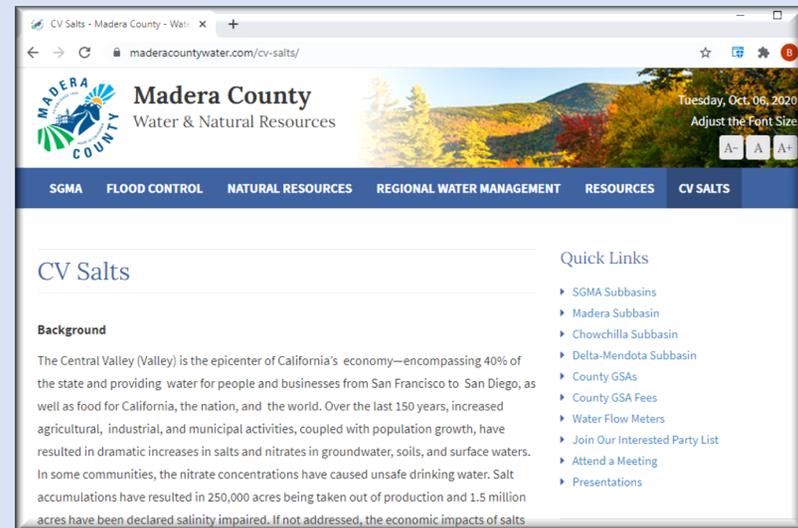
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- Christina Beckstead

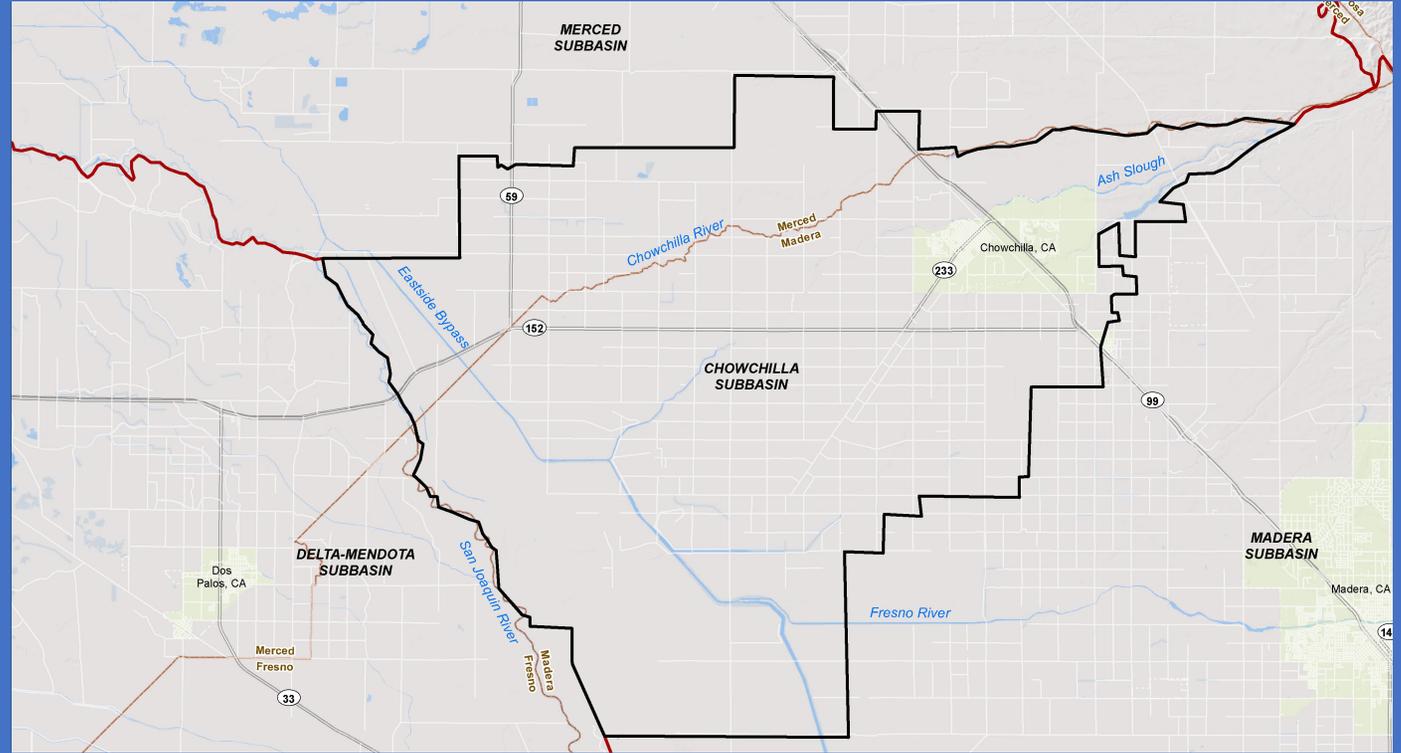
Madera County Farm Bureau
cbeckstead@maderafb.com
(559)674-8871

- Sarah Woolf
sarahwoolf@me.com
559-341-0174

- Website (for past public meetings and other documents): <https://www.maderacountywater.com/cv-salts/>

- Questions about your well: Contact Madera County Environmental Health or Self Help Enterprises (<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/programs/emergency-services/>)





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Thank You!