



## Allocations

**May 27, 2021 (Office Hours)**  
**June 1, 2021 (FB, MAWA)**  
**June 8, 2021 (County GSAs)**

- Outreach regarding the allocation
- Option A (Original with 2015 ETAW)
- Option B (2020 ETAW)
- Option C (2020 ETAW, only irrigated acres)



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## Five Stages of SGMA

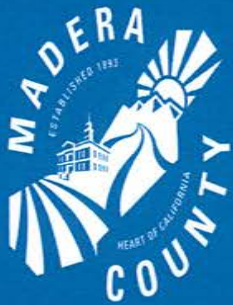
- Denial – deny the reality of the situation...block out the words and hide from the facts ... disbelief
- Anger – intense emotion....search for someone to blame
- Bargaining – need to regain control, “If only we had....” seek compromise and renegotiate the terms
- Depression – reaction to practical implications relating to the changing situation
- Acceptance – “It’s going to be okay” and “I can’t fight it, but I may as well prepare and be a part of it.”



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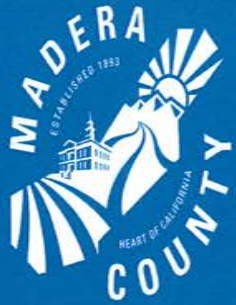
## Outreach on Allocations

- May 17 and 23, 2019 – Advisory Committee
- September 5, 2019 – Advisory Committee
- February 6, 2020 – Advisory Committee
- June 4, 2020 – Advisory Committee
- August 6, 2020 – Advisory Committee
- September 3, 2020 - Advisory Committee
- October 14, 2020 – Advisory Committee
- November 12, 2020 – Advisory Committee
- November 17, 2020 – County GSAs
- December 15, 2020 – County GSAs
- Six Workshops on Satellite ET
- May 11, 2021 – County GSAs with Allocations
- May 13, 2021 – Office Hours on Allocations
- May 18, 2021 – County GSAs
- **May 27, 2021 – County GSAs Office Hours**
- **June 1, 2021 – County GSAs, FB and MAWA Workshop**
- **June 8, 2021 – County GSAs**



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## Water Terms

- **Applied Water**
  - Volume delivered through irrigation system
  - Water flows to deep percolation and runoff as well as to evapotranspiration, depending on irrigation efficiency
  - Measured with meters
- **Evapotranspiration of Applied Water**
  - Volume of applied water transpired by plants and evaporated from the soil (i.e., consumptive use)
  - Less than Applied Water
  - Measured with satellite data



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## Historical ETAW

- Almonds – 34 inches per year
- Pistachios – 30 inches per year
- Grapes – 20 inches per year
  
- Values vary with cultural practices, age and varieties.



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## Sustainable Yield and Transitional Water Buckets

### Exhibit A – Based on 2015 ETAW

Exhibit A							
Year	Madera County GSAs						
	Madera Subbasin		Chowchilla Subbasin		Delta Mendota Subbasin		
	SY	TW	SY	TW	SY	TW	
2020	90,000	101,000	22,500	58,110	1,500	2,000	2%
2021	90,000	98,980	22,500	56,948	1,500	1,960	2%
2022	90,000	96,960	22,500	55,786	1,500	1,920	2%
2023	90,000	94,940	22,500	54,623	1,500	1,880	2%
2024	90,000	92,920	22,500	53,461	1,500	1,840	2%
2025	90,000	90,900	22,500	52,299	1,500	1,800	2%

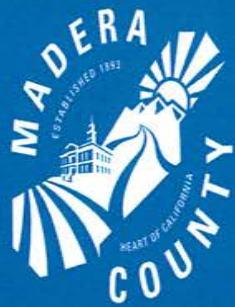
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2023	90,000	106,220	22,500	59,596	1,500	1,880	2%
2024	90,000	103,960	22,500	58,328	1,500	1,840	2%
2025	90,000	101,700	22,500	57,060	1,500	1,800	2%



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## Option A Math – 2015 ETAW with farm units allowing never irrigated land

Madera County GSA in Madera Subbasin 2021

- To calculate Sustainable Yield (SY):

$$\frac{90,000 \text{ AF}}{(85,000 \text{ ac} + 35,000 \text{ ac})} = 0.75 \text{ ft or } 9 \text{ inches total of SY}$$

- To calculate Transitional Water (TW):

$$\frac{98,980 \text{ AF}}{(85,000 \text{ ac})} = 1.16 \text{ ft or } 14 \text{ inches total of TW}$$

Total Allocation for Irrigated Land is:  
= 9 + 14 = 23 inches



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# Option A

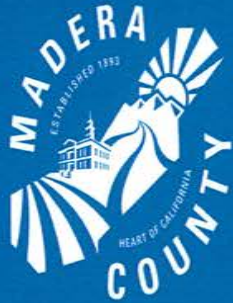
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# Option A

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2020	22,500	58,110	6	0.5	18.4	24.9	6.5
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2022		55,786			17.6	24.1	6.5
2023		54,623			17.2	23.7	6.5
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Irrigated Acres = 38,000 Can access B-SY, Re-SY and TW							
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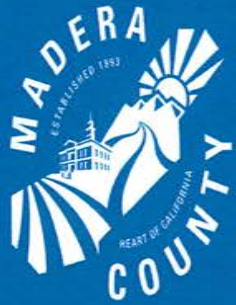
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Year	GSA Allocations (af/yr)		Per-Acre Allocation (inches/ac/yr)				
	SY	TW	B-SY	Re-SY	TW	Total for Irr.	Total Non-irr.
2020	1,500	2,000	6	2.6	11.4	20.0	0.0
2021		1,960			11.2	19.8	0.0
2022		1,920			11.0	19.6	0.0
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2024		1,840			10.5	19.1	0.0
2025		1,800			10.3	18.9	0.0
Irrigated Acres = 2,100    Can access B-SY, Re-SY and TW							
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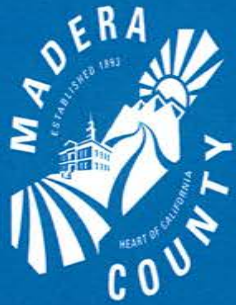
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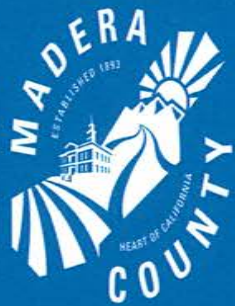
## Options for Growers with Option A

1. Opt in for SY
2. Opt in for TW



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## Options for Growers with Option B - 2020 ETAW with farm units allowing never irrigated land

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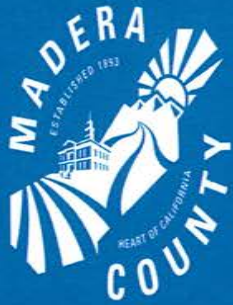
Total Allocation for Irrigated Land is:

$$= 9 + 15.6 = 24.6 \text{ inches}$$



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# Option B

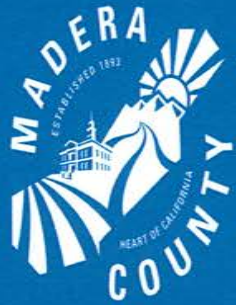
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Irrigated Acres = 38,000			Can access B-SY, Re-SY and TW				
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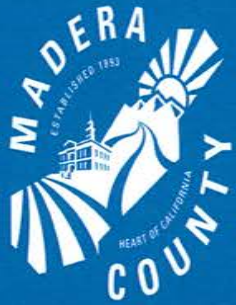
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## Options for Ranchers with Option B

1. Don't Opt In  
Keep ranching and access water for cattle and domestic needs (no fees)
2. Opt in for SY  
Have land that is leased to a farm unit  
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## Options for Growers with Option B

1. Opt in for SY
2. Opt in for TW



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## Options for Growers with Option C

Madera County GSA in Madera Subbasin 2021

- To calculate Sustainable Yield (SY):

90,000 AF

(85,000 ac)

= 1.05 ft or 13 inches total of SY

- To calculate Transitional Water (TW):

110,740 AF

(85,000 ac)

= 1.3 ft or 15.6 inches total of TW

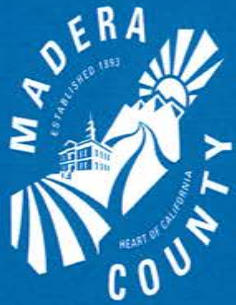
Total Allocation for Irrigated Land is:

= 13 + 15.6 = 28.6 inches



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# Option C

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# Option C

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## Options for Ranchers with Option C

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## Options for Growers with Option C

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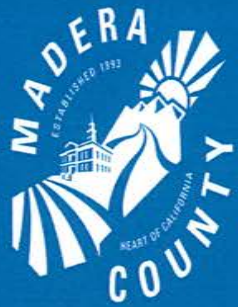
## Summary of Allocation Options

Option	ETAW per acre in inches in 2021	Notes
Option A	23	2015 ETAW with farm units allowing unirrigated acres
Option B	24.6	2020 ETAW with farm units allowing unirrigated acres
Option C	28.6	2020 ETAW with no unirrigated acres in farm units



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## Recommendation Notes

Grower feedback and outreach

Many hopes for water market, but this requires an allocation, monitoring and compliance

Options for rangeland include payments to never-irrigated acres under SALC



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## Recommendation

Adopt resolution for Allocations with Option C



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