

# Madera County GSA Update



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## Update on Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Look Back 2021

- Filled vacant staff positions in Agency at Water Resources Specialist I, Analyst and Program Assistant
- Held many public workshops
- Held six workshops on using Irriwatch
- Implemented Irriwatch ETAW as a “dry run” for 2021
- Established allocation amounts for a five-year period
- Developed four projects (recharge, SALC, domestic wells, Sites) feeding into rate study with Raftelis
- Awarded \$4.2 million for Madera Subbasin for Recharge
- Awarded \$4.2 million for Chowchilla Subbasin for Recharge
- Completed a water market simulation



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## Update on Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Look Ahead 2022

- Implement allocation
- Continue ground truthing with meters of Irrigate
- Develop domestic well mitigation program with subbasin partners
- Finalize rules for land repurposing (SALC)
- Complete design work for Prop 68 Recharge grants in Madera and Chowchilla Subbasin to begin construction
- Apply for additional Prop 68 funds (?)
- Wrap up rate study
- Adopt ordinance for penalties



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## Feedback on the Chowchilla GSP

- Preliminary staff evaluation of the Chowchilla GSP indicated clarification needed on:
  - Criteria for minimum thresholds for subsidence
  - Criteria for minimum thresholds for groundwater levels
  - Interconnected surface water
- Chowchilla Subbasin meeting with DWR on 12/3/2021
  - Add minimum thresholds to eastern management area for subsidence
  - Augment explanation for minimum thresholds for subsidence in western management including orientation of infrastructure
  - Encouraged by domestic well mitigation program



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