



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, February 28, 2022 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

Notice and agenda for the regular meeting of the
Madera Regional Water Management Group.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Madera RWMG meeting will be held
VIA Teleconference due to COVID-19 restrictions:

AGENDA

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1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Introductions
2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Approval of February 28, 2022 Agenda
3. Approval – Resolution No. 2022-02

4. Public Comment

The first 15 minutes of each regular meeting is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Group, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Group at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Group. Any person addressing the Group under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Also, all persons addressing the Group must state their name and county of residence for the record.

Items of Interest

- The CAL FIRE California Climate Investments [Forest Health Grant Program](#) funds restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing for more resilient and sustained forests to ensure future existence of forests in California while also mitigating climate change, protecting communities from fire risk, strengthening rural economies and improving California's water & air. CAL FIRE seeks to significantly increase fuels management, fire reintroduction, treatment of degraded areas, and conservation of forests. Applications are due no later than 3 pm on March 4th.

Eligible applicants include local, state, and federal agencies including federal land management agencies; universities; special districts; Native American tribes; private forest landowners; and non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations.

Project activities funded by CAL FIRE's [Forest Health Grant Program](#) may include forest fuels reduction; prescribed fire; pest management; reforestation; biomass utilization; conservation easements and/or land acquisition through the [Forest Legacy Program](#); and research through the [Forest Research Program](#).

More information can be found on the following links:

- [CAL FIRE Forest Health Program](#)
 - [Forest Health Grantee Resources](#)
 - [Forest Health Program Partners](#)
- The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) provides funding to implement the three broad objectives of the California Water Action Plan: more reliable water supplies; the restoration of important species and habitat; and a more resilient, sustainably managed water resources system (water supply, water quality, flood protection, and environment) that can better withstand inevitable and unforeseen pressures in the coming decades. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply. Applications are due on March 4th at 4 pm through [California Department of Fish and Wildlife \(CDFW\) WebGrants](#).

Eligible project types include:

- Restoring, protecting, or enhancing habitat
 - Improving forest health
 - Modernizing stream crossings, culverts, and bridges
 - Reconnecting historical flood plains
 - Installing or improving fish screens
 - Providing fish passage;
 - Improving ecological functions
 - Acquisitions from willing sellers
 - Restoring cross-border creeks and watersheds
 - Improving local watershed management
 - Removing sediment or trash
- The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) recently closed the Drinking Water Arrearage Program and is now shifting their focus to the Wastewater Arrearage Program.

Applications are due no later than April 1, 2022. Workshops for this new funding opportunity were already held, but [presentation slides](#) and a [workshop recording](#) can be found online. **Wastewater customers cannot apply for funding directly, but they will receive a credit for their eligible debt from their wastewater agency within 60 days of the agency receiving funding.**

Residential and commercial debt accrued from March 4, 2020, through June 15, 2021, including debt transferred to a 3rd party collection entity, debt collected through property tax rolls, or debt offset by customer assistance programs are all eligible debt covered by this funding opportunity. Other scenarios may be considered. Please email your questions to wwarrearrages@waterboards.ca.gov.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Financial Report
 - A. Discussion and action on Cash Activity Report/Warrant Approvals
6. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
 - A. San Joaquin Valley
 - o Self Help Enterprises / Chowchilla Management Zone – Projects 12 and 13
 - B. Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program
7. Discussion – Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant
 - A. Mountain Counties
 - o Indian Lakes
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - o City of Madera
 - o Parkwood
 - o Parksdale
 - o City of Chowchilla
8. Discussion – Prop 68 Funding
 - A. Madera / Chowchilla Subbasin Domestic Well Inventory Projects
9. Discussion – NRCS Cost-Share Pilot Program for Recharge Projects
10. Discussion – Creek Fire / Forest Management / Watershed
11. Discussion – Drought Working Group
12. Discussion – 2022 IRWM Implementation Grant Prop 1 Round 2 Funding
13. Discussion – IRWM Project List – 2022 Call for Projects

OLD BUSINESS

14. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA
15. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG
16. Future Agenda Items
17. Next Meeting Time – Monday, March 28, 2022 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Next Meeting Location – Zoom for now unless COVID restrictions change

18. Adjourn