



Regional Water Management Group Monday, March 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

Join ZOOM Meeting:

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1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Introductions
2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of February 28, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Approval of March 28, 2022 Agenda

3. Approval – Resolution No. 2022-03

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

- During the Madera RWMG meeting on February 28th, Jenny Nunez-Rodriguez with the Madera County Department of Water and Natural Resources shared some links for tools created by DWR relating to drought and groundwater in California. Here are the links to access those online tools:
 - o [California's Groundwater Live](#)
 - o [SGMA Data Viewer \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - o [California Water Watch](#)
 - o [Workbook: DWR Drought Risk Explorer - Rural Communities](#)

For more information on the drought, please sign-up for alerts and news by [clicking here](#).

- The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has opened a County-wide and Regional Funding Solicitation **for counties or eligible partner entities** to receive funding to implement county-wide or regional programs that address drought-related and/or contamination issues for state small water systems and domestic wells serving disadvantaged communities and low-income households.

Eligible project types may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- o Assessment
 - Community outreach
 - Domestic well testing
- o Interim Solutions
 - Bottled water
 - Tanks and hauled water
 - Kiosk filling stations
 - Point of Use/Point of Entry (POU/POE) installation and maintenance
- o Long-Term Solutions
 - Well repairs and/or replacements
 - Limited-scale consolidation (such as laterals, above ground interties, etc.)
 - POU/POE installation and maintenance, in some cases

For additional information and application instructions, please visit their website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/funding_solicitation.html

- During the Madera RWMG meeting on February 28th, NRCS along with Sustainable Conservation presented on a new pilot funding program for groundwater recharge (presentation slides are attached to this email). \$2 million total will be available for this pilot program, and projects must be in one of the following locations to be eligible:
 - Madera County

- Merced County (Chowchilla ID boundaries only)
- Tulare County (Tulare ID and Delano-Earlimart ID boundaries only)
- Kern County (Delano-Earlimart ID boundaries only)

Projects must either have access to recharge water from an irrigation district or have access and water rights to winter flood water. Eligible applicants include Water Management Entities (WMEs) such as irrigation districts and farm-scale applicants such as growers and landowners.

Those interested in applying are encouraged to reach out to their local service center. Service center phone numbers can be found on page 17 of the attached document. Applications are due by April 1st. For general questions, please reach out to Wendy Rash at wendy.rash@usda.gov

For more information, including program application documents, go to: <https://suscon.org/nrcs-recharge-pilot/>

- The 2022 Call for Projects is now open, and the deadline to submit project proposals to the group for this year will be **Tuesday, April 12th, at 5 pm**. The group will vote on proposed projects to add to the IRWMP Project List for the Madera Region during the group's April meeting scheduled for April 25th at 1:30 pm on Zoom.
- The 11th International Symposium on Managed Aquifer Recharge (ISMAR 11), the world's preeminent symposium on managed aquifer recharge (MAR), is taking place April 11-15, 2022. With the continued reliance on groundwater in many areas of the world, MAR continues to be an important tool for recovering depleted aquifers and developing resilient groundwater supplies for the future. In California, MAR will play a central role in many basins to meet the requirement of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

The event is being co-hosted by the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA), the Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS) and the Orange County Water District (OCWD). It is being held at the Long Beach Hilton from April 11-15, 2022. To see symposium details and to register, go to www.ismar11.net. Please direct questions about this event to the organizers, here: <https://ismar11.net/contact-us/>, or at (916) 446-3626.

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
 - 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
 - Indian Lakes
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - City of Madera
 - Parkwood
 - Parksdale
 - 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, April 25, 2022 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Next Meeting Location – Zoom for now unless COVID restrictions change
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