



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, May 23, 2022 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

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

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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 April 25, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Approval of May 23, 2022 Agenda
3. Approval – Resolution No. 2022-05
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

- DWR has a [SGMA Data Viewer tool available online](#). The tool has a lot of information available to GSAs and other entities. The tool includes current conditions, groundwater levels, groundwater storage, water quality, land subsidence, interconnected surface water, water budget, hydrogeologic conceptual model, and other information.
- UC Davis has an upcoming short course: "Introduction to Groundwater, Watersheds, and Groundwater Sustainability Plans". This online short course will review the fundamental principles of groundwater and watershed hydrology, water budgets, water quality, and water law and regulation in an intuitive, highly accessible fashion. Through real world examples, participants will learn about the most common tools for measuring, monitoring, and assessing groundwater and surface water resources. Participants will then review the key steps and elements of planning for groundwater sustainability (see the [program agenda](#) for additional details).

The class will take place the following Thursdays from 9:00am – 12:00pm PDT: May 26, and June 2 and 16, 2022. Details, registration link, and more can be found on the Short Course website:

https://groundwater.ucdavis.edu/Short_Course/

Registration: \$100/\$60 (includes textbook). Reduced fees (\$60) are available to members of California Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (board, staff, advisory committees), to California state employees, and to participants of the [WEF Water 101 Workshop](#), April 7-8, 2022 and the [GRA Groundwater Sustainability Planning Summit](#), June 9, 2022.

Please send questions about this event to: GroundwaterUCD@gmail.com

- [The California Financing Coordinating Committee \(CFCC\)](#) is hosting a free virtual funding fair on May 25th. The funding fair will provide the opportunity to learn more about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies.

Representatives from water industry professionals, public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes should attend. This includes city managers and planners, economic development and engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors, and project consultants.

- DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board will host a series of webinars on their development of a guidebook for preparing county drought plans. The plans will focus on helping small water systems and rural communities.

During the first of the three webinars, DWR and the State Water Board will review the SB 552 requirements for counties and the plan to develop a guidebook as technical assistance and solicit input on needed tools and considerations that could help counties meet the requirements. Registration is

required in advance, and you can do so by [clicking here](#). The first webinar will be on June 2nd from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has two funding opportunities. The first opportunity is for their Watershed Enhancement Solicitation which closes on June 3rd at 4 pm. The funding looks to implement watershed and community enhancements in areas impacted by cannabis cultivation.

Proposals for this opportunity should enhance watersheds and communities with funds for, but not limited to road decommissioning, road crossing upgrades, erosion and sediment delivery prevention actions, culvert upgrades, water conservation, cleanup and remediation of impacts of illicit cannabis operations on private lands, and/or enhancing biodiversity and wildlife habitat within watersheds, among other projects of similar nature. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, public agencies, and Tribal governments. [Please click here](#) for more information.

The second opportunity is CDFW's Public Land Cleanup and Remediation Solicitation which closes on June 3rd at 4 pm. The funding looks to implement the cleanup and remediation of illicit cannabis cultivation impacts on qualified public lands. Qualified public land includes land owned in fee simple title and managed by a federal, state, local government, or institution, or California Native American tribal government. It also includes land held by the United States in trust for a California Native American tribe.

Projects should focus on the severe impacts of illicit cannabis operations and reduce delivery of contaminants and waste to the environment by removing refuse and infrastructure associated with illegal cannabis cultivation on qualified public land. Projects can include the removal of stream crossings or water diversion infrastructure associated with illegal cannabis cultivation. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, public agencies, and Tribal governments. [Please click here](#) for more information.

- The State Water Board is accepting proposals again for their 2022 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant Program – Clean Water Act section 319(h). Proposals are being accept through June 24th. This program seeks proposals for projects that reduce runoff of pollution to waters of the state, such as agricultural projects that reduce pesticide and nutrient runoff, improvement or decommission of dirt roads to reduce erosion and sediment runoff, streambank stabilization to reduce erosion, marina programs to reduce toxic discharges from anti-fouling paints on boats, and infrastructure improvements of ranching and livestock operations to reduce erosion and runoff to nutrients and pathogens.

The guidelines are available online on [the grant program's website](#). Interested applicants are encouraged to read the guidelines, which describe the program preferences, eligibility requirements, application process and instructions, project selection criteria, and the grant award process.

Please note one of the minimum eligibility requirements is to consult with the NPS Grant Coordinator in the corresponding Regional Water Board listed in Appendix 7 of the guidelines. Proposals must be submitted using the [State Water Board's FFAST system](#) by 5 pm on June 24th.

For questions or comments about this funding opportunity, please contact Mike Hanks at Michael.hanks@waterboards.ca.gov, or (916) 341-5558.

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 – Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Set Aside Funding for Madera County MCFA DAC
8. Discussion – Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant
 - A. Mountain Counties
 - Indian Lakes
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - City of Madera
 - Parkwood
 - Parksdale
 - City of Chowchilla
9. Discussion – Prop 68 Funding
 - A. Madera / Chowchilla Subbasin Domestic Well Inventory 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. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA
14. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG
15. Future Agenda Items
16. Next Meeting Time – Monday, June 27, 2022 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Next Meeting Location – Zoom for now unless COVID restrictions change
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