



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, July 25, 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:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055256326?pwd=elltRzZUV0tDNVk1S3pnWWpsMOQ4QT09>

Description: RWMG Meeting July 25, 2022 1:30 PM

Or join by phone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 669 900 9128 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592
or +1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 890 5525 6326

1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Introductions
2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of June 27, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Approval of July 25, 2022 Agenda

3. Approval – Resolution No. 2022-07

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 Sierra Vista Scenic Byway is hosting a free tour of the Nelder Grove on July 30th. In August or September of this year, they plan on hosting another tour with a Native American culture theme.
- New tools and information have been released to help deal with dry wells in California:
 - DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board have developed the Dry Well Susceptibility tool. Details are available in this [fact sheet](#).
 - The [Dry Well Reporting System](#) is now available, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), for Californians experiencing problems with their private wells.
 - In the Central Valley, private well owners and those in small communities who are concerned about losing access to water can use a [list of resources](#) that has been compiled by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.
- The Madera/Chowchilla RCD has officially started their irrigation evaluation program in Madera County. They are completing distribution uniformity (DU) testing and soil health assessments as part of this program. Please contact Chris Yohannan to schedule a test or with any questions.
- The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery is now accepting applications for their Farm & Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program. This program has an ongoing application deadline and is expected to make award announcements on October 18, 2022. Grantees have approximately two years to complete the project(s).

This program provides funding as a reimbursement method to help cleanup and prevent illegal dumping on farm and/or ranch property. Usually, three application cycles are available each fiscal year; this is the second cycle. Funding includes reimbursement for administrative, recycling/disposal (tires), equipment, material, and personnel costs. Abatement/prevention measures shall be addressed if needed, such as site security and public education/outreach efforts.

Eligible applicants include public agencies, cities, counties, resource conservation districts, Tribal governments, and federally recognized Native American Tribes. Sites that have been previously remediated, homeless encampments, and illegal cannabis grows may be eligible. Multiple projects/sites may be included in one application.

Maximum amount of funding per applicant each fiscal year is \$200,000.
Maximum amount per cleanup site is \$50,000.

- DWR has contracted with the California Rural Water Association (CRWA) to provide **NO-COST LEAK DETECTION SURVEYS TO COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS THAT SERVE 3,000 OR LESS CONNECTIONS**. Tribal water systems also qualify for this free service. If you are interested in getting leak detection technical assistance, please contact Ruby Viramontes at viramontes@calruralwater.org.

If leaks are detected as a result of taking advantage of this resource, DWR has funding opportunities for projects through the [Small Community Drought Relief Program](#). You can find more information on available grants at the [California Grants Portal](#).

- **UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IN EARLY 2023:** The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has launched their Development of Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program in response to the 2021-2022 State Climate Budget package, which provides over \$15 billion to tackle wildfire and drought challenges, build more resilient communities, promote sustainable agriculture, and advance a nation-leading climate agenda. The budget includes \$100 million for the SGC CRC program over two years.

This program will fund new construction and upgrades of neighborhood-level resilience centers to provide shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies, such as extreme heat events and poor air quality days. The program will also fund year-round services and ongoing community amenities and programming, such as food distribution and workforce development training, that build overall community resilience. SGC will prioritize community-serving locations across the state, such as schools, libraries, community centers, health clinics, and places of worship.

SGC's CRC program will fund both planning and implementation activities. \$25 million will be available in Round 1 of the program, and \$75 million will be available in Round 2. Staff anticipate releasing the Round 1 Notice of Funding Availability and application in early 2023. SGC plans to release draft program guidelines in September 2022 for a 30-day public comment period. Once released, SGC will host a series of public workshops to provide opportunities to review and comment on the proposed program structure.

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
 - B. Prop 68 Round 2
9. Discussion – Creek Fire / Forest Management / Watershed
10. Discussion – Drought Working Group
11. Discussion – 2022 IRWM Implementation Grant Prop 1
 - A. Round 2 Funding Project Selection
12. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA
13. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG
14. Future Agenda Items
15. Next Meeting Time – Monday, August 22, 2022 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Next Meeting Location – Zoom for now unless COVID restrictions change
16. Adjourn