

Regional Water Management Group Monday, August 22, 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 August 22, 2022, Agenda
 - B. Approval of July 25, 2022, Minutes
- 3. Approval Resolution No. 2022-08
- 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 State has resources and tools available online: Dry Well Reporting System: <u>https://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report/</u>

Statewide Crop Mapping: <u>https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/statewide-crop-</u> mapping

SGMA Data Viewer: https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer#waterbudget

CADWR Land Use Viewer: https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/CADWRLandUseViewer/?page=home

California's Groundwater Live: General Map viewer of Dry Well Reports

If you would like to receive notifications when a dry well is reported in your County, please email <u>sgmps@water.ca.gov</u> to get added to the list.

- The USDA Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program is a federal emergency recovery program, and helps local communities recover after a natural disaster strikes. The program offers technical and financial assistance to help local communities relieve imminent threats to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural disasters that impair a watershed. All funded projects must:
 - Provide protection from flooding or soil erosion;
 - Reduce threats to life and property;
 - Restore the hydraulic capacity to the natural environment to the maximum extent practical; and
 - Are economically and environmentally defensible and technically sound

Financial and technical assistance are available for various activities under the EWP Program, including, but not limited to:

- Remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges;
- Reshape and protect eroded streambanks;
- Correct damaged or destroyed drainage facilities;
- Establish vegetative cover on critically eroding lands;
- Repair levees and structures;
- Repair certain conservation practices; and
- Purchase floodplain easements

This program has a rolling application deadline. For those interested in applying, <u>please click here for more information</u>.

 DWR's written translation service is available to help local agencies with communications to non-English speaking constituents. Translation services for materials are available in Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Laotian, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. Applicants can submit written translation requests for up to 5,000 words per basin/subbasin. For details, visit the Written Translation tab on the <u>Assistance and Engagement</u> <u>webpage</u>.

 DWR's facilitation support service is available to help local agencies work through challenging water management situations. This service provides the help of professional facilitators to foster discussions among diverse water management interests and local agencies when developing and implementing GSPs.

For details, visit the Facilitators Support tab on the <u>Assistance and Engagement</u> <u>webpage</u>.

 On July 13th, EPA hosted a webinar to discuss how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding can help communities improve their water and wastewater infrastructure. The webinar recording is now available on <u>EPA's Water Finance</u> <u>Webinars and Forums</u> website.

For more information about water infrastructure and technical assistance, visit <u>EPA's Water Technical Assistance website</u>.

On July 25th, the USDA announced their strategic plan to handle roughly 4 million acres of backlogged reforestation initiatives. With funds provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework, which passed last year, hundreds of millions of dollars in new funds for these efforts will help speed up their plan to plant one billion trees over the next 10-years. The detailed reforestation plan intends to make forests more resilient, particularly given the increased risks associated with ongoing droughts, wildfires, disease, pest infestation, and other challenges. With the newly dedicated funds, there is hope that the USDA can be more proactive in heading off some of these known issues.

Read the Reforestation Strategic Plan here

- 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
 - o Indian Lakes
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - City of Madera
 - Parkwood
 - 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 California Wildfires / Forest Management / Watershed
- 10. Discussion Drought Working Group
- 11. Discussion 2022 IRWM Implementation Grant Prop 1 Round 2
- 12. Review & Approval IRWMP Project Proposals
 - A. Indian Lakes Water System Improvements Project Proposal
 - B. Sierra Highlands Water System Improvements Project Proposal
 - C. Sierra Highlands Well Rehab Project Proposal
- 13. Review & Approval Madera RWMG Project Proposal Form
- 14. Review IRWM and SWRP Project List
- 15. Review Madera RWMG Voting Members
- 16. Report Sustainable Groundwater Management SGMA
- 17. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG
- 18. Future Agenda Items
- 19. Next Meeting Time Monday, September 26, 2022 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Next Meeting Location Zoom for now unless COVID restrictions change
- 20. Adjourn