

Regional Water Management Group Monday, September 26, 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

Join ZOOM Meeting: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join:

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Description: RWMG Meeting September 26, 2022, 1:30 PM

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- 1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Introductions
- 2. Review & Approval Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of September 26, 2022, Agenda
 - B. Approval of August 22, 2022, Minutes
- 3. Approval Resolution No. 2022-09
- 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 Biden Administration has announced a five-year, \$1 billion program through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide grants to at-risk communities for planning and mitigation wildfire events. The Community Wildfire Defense Grant program will fund individual grants up to \$250,000 to create and update community wildfire protection plans or conduct outreach and education, and up to \$10 million for associated infrastructure and resilience projects. Applications are being accepted through October 7th, and instructions for interested applicants can be found by clicking here.
- Two documents offering guidance on preparing for wildfires have been released by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research:
 - The Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory offers land use strategies to reduce fire risk to buildings, infrastructure, and communities. The update also helps communities:
 - Conduct outreach and engagement activities to promote more robust and collaborative wildfire solutions;
 - Conduct comprehensive wildfire hazard and risk assessments;
 - Align and integrate these assessments across a variety of plans; and
 - Develop general plan policies and programs that reduce risk for existing and future communities
 - The Wildland-Urban Interface Planning Guide has information on ways local agencies can leverage plans, regulations, and tools to reduce risk in wildfire-prone areas. The guide is a complementary and supplemental resource to the Fire Hazard Planning Technical Advisory. The guide also features nine best practice case studies that offer opportunities for learning and solutions that may be suitable for adoption in other communities:
 - Butte County: Upper Ridge Community Plan
 - o City of Carlsbad: Landscape Manual
 - City of Malibu: Landscape Water Conservation and Fire Protection Ordinance
 - o City of Santa Barbara: Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District
 - o Mariposa County: Wildfire Plan Alignment
 - Napa County: Fire Hazard Abatement Ordinance
 - o Orange County: Ranch Plan Fire Protection Program
 - San Bernardino County: Fire Safety Overlay Zone
 - Shasta County: Carr Fire, Zogg Fire, and Salt Fire Disaster Recovery Ordinance
- California State Parks is accepting grant applications from communities looking
 to provide outdoor recreational experiences. <u>The Outdoor Recreation Legacy</u>
 <u>Partnership (ORLP) Program</u> funds the acquisition, development, or renovation
 of parks in economically disadvantaged cities of at least 30,000 people. The
 maximum grant request for this round is \$10 million.

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2022. For additional program information such as project eligibility requirements, to register for an upcoming application

workshop, and access to the online application portal, please visit <u>California's ORLP webpage</u>.

- The Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (Y/S RC&DC) will be holding their annual meeting this year in-person at <u>The Museum of the Sierra</u>. The meeting will be held on October 27th at 10 am. Lunch will be provided, and potential site visits are a possibility after the meeting.

The Museum of the Sierra is located at:: 42642 Tollhouse Rd, Shaver Lake, CA 93664

If you have any questions, please call: (559) 580-3042

- DWR is hosting a virtual Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Forum for GSA members and representatives on November 9th from 9 am – 12 pm. The Forum will be a platform for GSAs to come together to engage, exchange ideas, and establish professional networks. The Forum will include a panel discussion with up to five representatives from different GSAs, focused on how the GSAs have approached funding SGMA implementation. A diverse group of GSAs will be represented to showcase various geographic locations, governance structures, and funding approaches. Each panelist will provide a brief presentation, followed by a Q&A session with the audience.

The agenda and registration link will be shared once the details are finalized. For questions or more information, please email sqmps@water.ca.gov

- The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will be hosting a <u>free</u> online workshop on grant writing. The workshop will be limited to 15 participants, and participants must be located in (or working in) the <u>SNC Region</u>. If you would like to register, please contact Ryan Reger at <u>ryan-reger@carcd.org</u>
- A town hall will be held on Tuesday. September 27th, from 6 pm 7:30 pm at the Oakhurst Community Center (39800 Fresno Flats Rd, Oakhurst, CA 93644). The town hall will be focus on fire prevention and resources. The town hall is being planned by Assemblyman Patterson for residents in the Eastern Madera County area. For more information, please click here.
- 5. Financial Report
 - A. Discussion and action on Cash Activity Report/Warrant Approvals
- 6. Discussion IRWM Review with DWR
- 7. 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

- 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
 - B. Prop 68 Round 2
- 10. Discussion California Wildfires / Forest Management / Watershed
- 11. Discussion Drought Working Group
- 12. Review & Approval 2022 IRWM Implementation Grant Round 2 Application
- 13. Review IRWM and SWRP Project List
- 14. Report Sustainable Groundwater Management SGMA
- 15. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG
- 16. Future Agenda Items
- 17. Next Meeting Time Monday, October 24, 2022 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Next Meeting Location Zoom for now unless COVID restrictions change
- 18. Adjourn