



**WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES
NEWS**

October 2022

Events and Meetings

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022
County GSA Update**

This meeting will be during the Madera County Board of Supervisors' meeting on October 18.

This can be live-streamed at [maderacounty.com](https://www.maderacounty.com) on the County Board of Supervisors' page.

**Drought Workgroup
Friday, October 21, 2022 - 10:00 am**

The Drought Workgroup meetings are open to everyone created as outreach and education in response to the extreme drought in California. This group acts as a clearinghouse distributing drought information to the public and the partners who join the call each month. We will be working through compliance with SB552 writing a County Drought Contingency Plan.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233429167?pwd=VEZESHBMSEFN3d0d0L2xrd2l2M25JQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 3342 9167

Passcode: 632203

Or Call: 1-669-900-9128

You are invited to attend the Drought Workgroup meeting to participate and give input in writing the Madera County Drought Plan in response to SB552.

County GSA Land Repurposing Workshop #2

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 3:00 pm

This workshop will explain the Land Repurposing program and take input from attendees about the proposed program and rules that are being written.

Attend the workshop and be heard.

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83879103415?pwd=aTNDRE0NE10MFh0MmJpS2JlSWWhJUT09>

Webinar ID: 838 7910 3415

Passcode: 269422

Or join by phone: 1-669-900-9128

IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS

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JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER

Have an Irrigation Specialist evaluate your existing irrigation system for FREE!



THEY WILL:

- CONDUCT AN IN-FIELD SYSTEM & SITE EVALUATION
- IDENTIFY ANY SYSTEM INEFFICIENCIES
- DEVELOP FULL CONSERVATION PLAN

TO SCHEDULE AN EVAL
PLEASE CONTACT:

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California Water Library

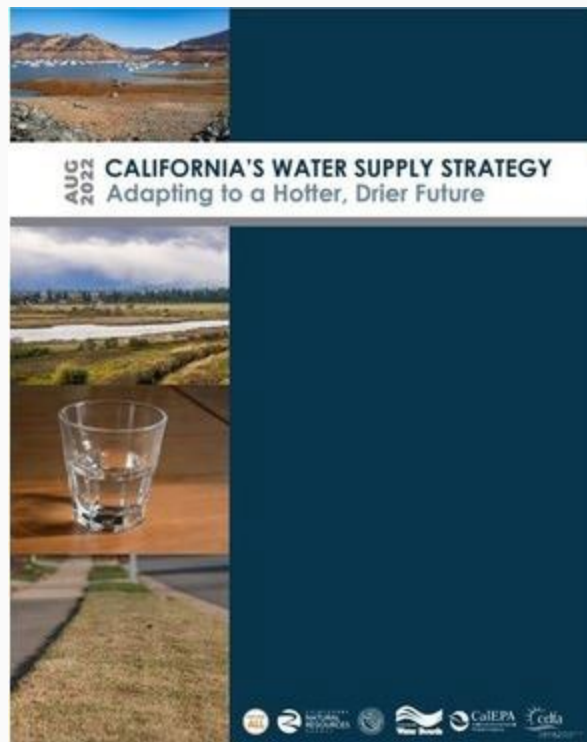
(a project spearheaded by Maven's Notebook)

The California Water Library (CWL) (<https://cawaterlibrary.net/>) is an open-access, online library designed to provide easy, organized access to published information about the state's most precious natural resource. CWL allows any interested party to search the archive and obtain the comprehensive, curated information they need to make informed decisions about California water.

If you've never visited the on-line Library, please check it out now! Currently, there are more than 3,000 curated documents on the site. Thanks to the California Water Library (<https://cawaterlibrary.net/>), it's no longer a difficult and frustrating task to find information on or stay abreast of California's water

issues. CWL electronically harvests available information from numerous Internet sources into one library database and provides multi-parameter search tools to enable users to find documents based on author, publisher, date, title, keyword, and more. The impact is a powerful time-saver for anyone looking for documents related to California water issues.

Governor Newsom announces water supply for hotter, drier California



Over the next 20 years, climate change could reduce California's water supplies by 10 percent. Our state's climate has changed, and the West continues to get hotter and drier. As it does, we will see less snowfall, more evaporation, and greater consumption of water by vegetation, soil, and the atmosphere itself.

Earlier this month, Governor Newsom released [“California’s Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future.”](#) The strategy centers on actions to stretch existing water supplies and adapt to more extreme weather patterns caused by climate change.

[California's Water Supply Strategy](#)

Wildfire Season is Here: Create a defensible space now

Want to know how you can save water and guard your house against wildfire at the same time? Save Our Water has partnered with CAL FIRE and the Department of Water Resources to share how Californians can create a defensible space to keep their home safe from wildfires while saving water by creating. It’s a win-win!

Learn how to [create a defensible space](#) around your property.





Image on left taken May 6, 2022 under cloud cover. Image on right taken Aug. 4, 2022 during a sunny day.

California water is drying up

Aerial images taken of the Enterprise Bridge over Lake Oroville show just how much California's reservoirs and waterways have dried up during the summer of 2022. After a record-breaking dry first three months of the year, and a summer of record temperatures, there is no mistaking the urgent need to save water. Find water saving tips at saveourwater.com

42.65%

of the U.S. and 50.88% of the lower 48 states are in drought this week.

↑ 4.0% since last week

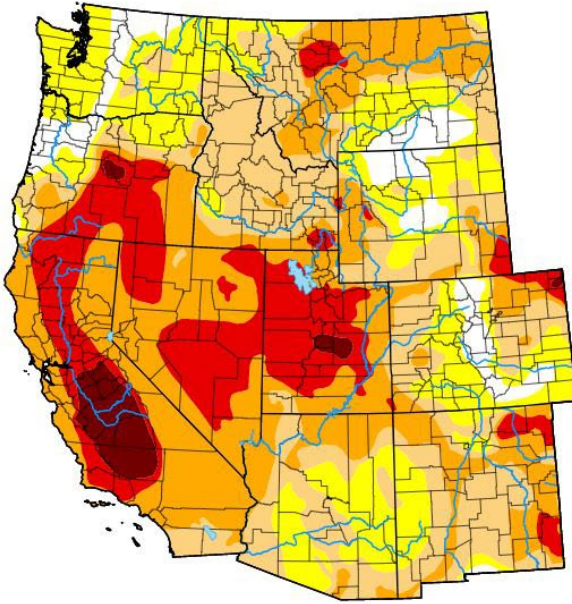
↑ 11.6% since last month

299.9 Million

acres of crops in U.S. are experiencing drought conditions this week.

— 0.0% since last week

↑ 29.2% since last month



Map released: Thurs. September 22, 2022

Data valid: September 20, 2022 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

Authors

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120.2 Million

people in the U.S. and 119.2 Million in the lower 48 states are affected by drought this week.

↑ 0.4% since last week

↓ 1.1% since last month

41

U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse this week.

↓ 1 state since last week

↓ 2 states since last month

The image displays four promotional posters for Self-Help Enterprises, arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each poster features the company logo (a house icon with a hand) and contact information.

- Top Left: Bottled Water**
 - Headline: **Do you need bottled water?**
 - Text: "We provide an interim solution for clean drinking water for domestic well owners working toward a permanent and sustainable solution to their drinking water needs."
 - Call to Action: **Call Bottled Water 559-802-1284**
 - Website: bottledwater@selfhelpenterprises.org
- Top Right: Water Wells**
 - Headline: **Is your well pumping sand or low producing? Do you think your well is failing?**
 - Text: "We will inspect the quality of your well and measure the depth of the well and the depth to water. We will help you determine if your well is in good operating condition."
 - Call to Action: **Call Water Wells 559-802-1289**
 - Website: waterwells@selfhelpenterprises.org
- Bottom Left: Water Quality**
 - Headline: **Do you need to test the quality of your water?**
 - Text: "We can provide accurate information on the quality of your water, with short and long term solutions if contaminants are found."
 - Call to Action: **Call Water Quality 559-802-1285**
 - Website: waterquality@selfhelpenterprises.org
- Bottom Right: Drought Support**
 - Headline: **Has your well gone dry? Have you lost access to water in your home?**
 - Text: "We can help you by installing a large water storage tank on your property and connecting it to your home."
 - Call to Action: **Call Drought Support 559-802-1685**
 - Website: droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org

Each poster includes the address: 8445 W. ELOWIN CT. | VISALIA, CA 93291.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO WELL OWNERS IN MADERA COUNTY

Has your well gone dry? Are you worried about your well going dry?

Most resources are available for free.

Residents of Madera County and the Central Valley who have been affected by the impacts of the drought have immediate resources available to help maintain their access to drinking water. These funds come from the State Water Resources Control Board and most are free to you.

Resources include:

Bottled Water

Water Tanks

Water Assessment Testing

Water Quality Testing

If you are concerned about your well or out of water for your home, visit www.mywellwentdry.org for a list of resources by county or call [Self-Help](#)

[Enterprise](#) for:

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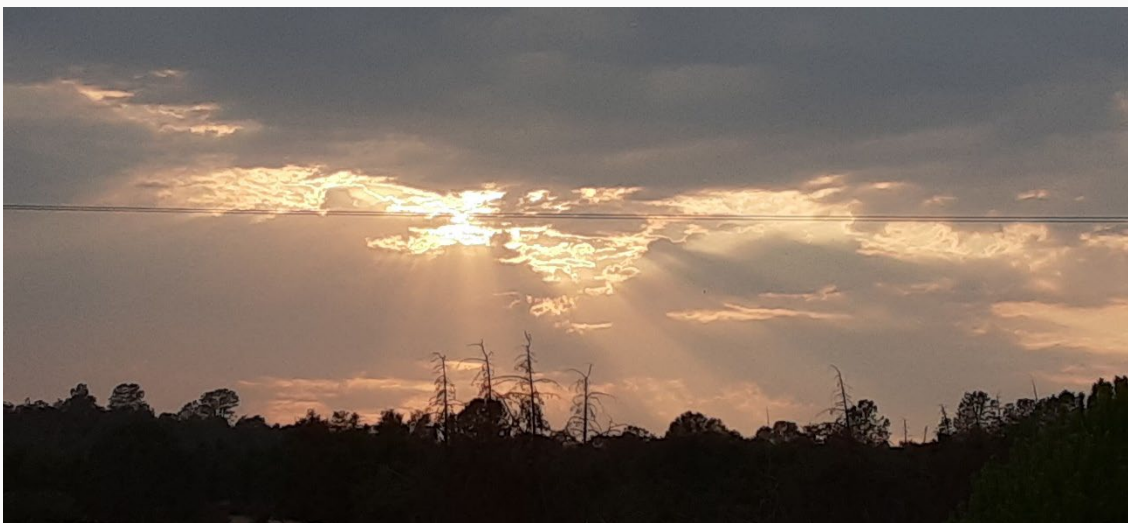
Water Quality: 559-802-1285

Drought Support: 559-802-1685.

If You Need Us

The Water & Natural Resources office is located on the third floor of the County Government Center. Water and Natural Resource staff can be reached at 559-662-8015 or you can visit us on-line at

- maderacountywater.com.



Upcoming Events and/or Meetings

Please check the website through the links below for meeting announcements and schedules or for telephone numbers to call and check on meeting times and locations with the agencies.

[Chowchilla Subbasin](#)

[Chowchilla Water District GSA](#)

[Clayton Water District](#)

[Coarsegold Resource Conservation District](#)

[Delta-Mendota Subbasin](#)

[Gravelly Ford GSA](#)

[Madera Ag Water Association](#)

[Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District](#)

[Madera Irrigation District GSA](#)

[Madera Regional Water Management Group](#)

[Madera Subbasin](#)

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[Madera Water District GSA](#)

[Merced County GSA](#)

[Merced Subbasin GSA](#)

[Root Creek GSA](#)

[Triangle T GSA](#)
