



Domestic Well Mitigation Program for Chowchilla Subbasin

- What is the program's purpose?
- How will the program be implemented?
- How will it be paid for?



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What is a domestic well mitigation program?

- A domestic well mitigation program provides funds for residents whose wells go dry because of continued drawdown in the subbasin from agricultural pumping.
- Both the Madera Subbasin Joint GSP and Chowchilla GSP include domestic well mitigation to address continued drawdown.
- Up for discussion today is the Chowchilla Subbasin program
- This program is important for multiple reasons:
 - Continued drawdown allows the subbasins to economically transition
 - Financial support for domestic wells is critical



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How will the program be implemented?

- Chowchilla Water District will administer the program
- No income threshold limit
- Implementation committee may be established to review the program
- Applicant must complete initial well assessment using preferred contractor
- Applicant must complete private well education online class
- Eligible mitigation includes drilling and well construction
- Program operates on first come, first serve basis
- Maximum award is \$30,000
- Award may only be used once per specified well and is recorded with title



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How will the program be funded?

- With a majority protest, there are no fees in the Chowchilla Subbasin
- The Chowchilla Growers Group is collecting a voluntary assessment to pay for this program
- Penalties could also fund portions of this program but will not be due until 2024



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