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Outline

1. Status of the groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs)
2. Status of the fees expected on fall/spring property tax bills
3. 2022 Verification Project
4. Prop 68 implementation for recharge
5. Prop 68 planning for domestic well inventory
6. Multi-benefit land repurposing grant
7. Other



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Status of Plans

- Chowchilla Subbasin GSP – resubmitted on 7/27/2022
 - Response by end of calendar year?
- Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSPs – resubmitted on 7/19/2022
 - Response by end of calendar year?
- Madera Subbasin GSPs
 - Comment letter by end of October 2022



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Status of Fees

- Fees
 - Madera Subbasin, County GSA fee of \$246/enrolled acre will appear on fall property tax bills (50%)
 - Delta Mendota Subbasin, County GSA fee of \$138/enrolled acre will also appear on fall property tax bills (50%)
- Penalties are TBD on September 20, but options include
 - \$500/acre-foot over an allocation
 - \$1000/one-time fee, plus fees after a 30 day notice



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2022 Verification Project

- 17 growers/entities participating
 - 8 different crops
 - Over 12,000 acres
 - 90 flowmeters being analyzed
- Weekly site visits being completed
- Significant data is being collected
- Cooperative effort with growers
- Importance of reviewing ETAW data on an annual timestep
- Final results ahead of 2023 irrigation season



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Prop 68 Recharge

Chowchilla Subbasin, County GSA

Project 1 – 60% design to be completed in early September (\$4.2M)

Project 2 – awaiting final grant agreement from DWR (\$3.2M), initiation of design pending

Madera Subbasin, County GSA

Project 1 – 60% design to be completed in early September (\$4.2M)

Project 2 – awaiting final grant agreement from DWR (\$500K), initiation of design pending

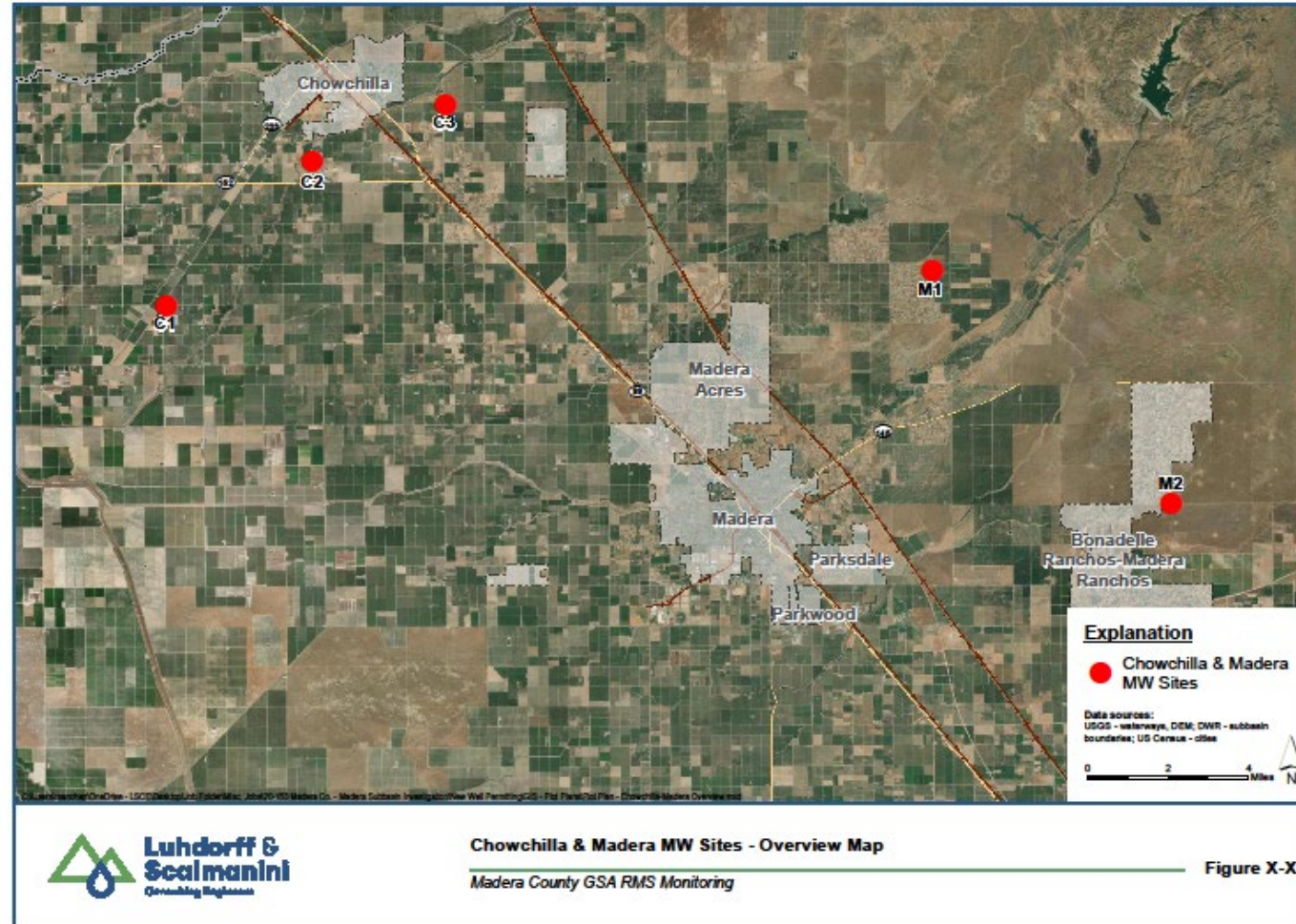


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Prop 68 for Domestic Well Inventory



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Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing

- Grant Agreement is in negotiation
- Funds are \$10 million for land repurposing projects that result in a multi-benefit
- Funds are in all three subbasins regardless of GSA
- Requirement for plan to be developed and public outreach to shape plan



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Other GSA Activities

- Three Water Conservation Classes – 10-20 people
- Lots of back and forth and checking with Irriwatch, growers and farm units
- Fairmead Resilience Project includes outreach and planning for recharge and repurposing



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