



## WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

# April 2023

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### GSA News

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#### **Madera County: Recent action on groundwater plan invites state to intervene**

“Despite years of work and coordinated efforts, the Madera Subbasin appears headed for state intervention as only six of seven [Groundwater Sustainability Agencies](#) (GSA) approved a revised Groundwater Sustainable Plan ([GSP](#)). As the GSA with the greatest share of historical [overdraft](#) in the Madera Subbasin, the County GSA began developing an allocation in 2019 with the County GSA Advisory Committee to achieve nearly 40% reductions in the use of groundwater by irrigated agriculture. In 2019 and 2020, an allocation approach was developed and allocations for irrigated agriculture were adopted. Allocations were in place in 2021 as a “dry run,” and in 2022 as well with a penalty adopted for implementation in 2023. To date, preliminary findings indicate that the County GSA is well under its allocated water in the Madera Subbasin. Unfortunately, other GSAs have not developed allocations to manage their recognized share of overdraft, so it is not known whether sufficient demand management is taking place elsewhere in this subbasin. ... ”

[Click here to read the full press release from the County of Madera.](#)

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### Snow and Rainfall

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It's official: California's wet and wintry start to the year has resulted in the deepest snowpack recorded in more than 70 years....State officials announced the record snowpack Monday at their fourth snow survey of the season. The surveys are conducted monthly each winter at Phillips Station near South Lake Tahoe, with April 1 serving as the benchmark date when the snowpack is typically at its deepest. The statewide snowpack on Monday was 237% of normal for the date — the deepest on record since the state's network of snow sensors was established in the mid-1980s, and on par with earlier records measured using different tools and baselines.

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## Upcoming Events

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# BENEFITS OF HEALTHY SOILS IN AGRICULTURE



## WORKSHOP EVENT :

When: April 28th from 9AM-10:30AM

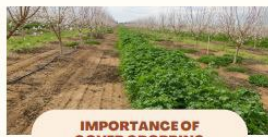
Where: PAGG Office, 2125 N Barton Ave

Fresno, CA 93703 - Zoom Access is available

## FIELD DEMONSTRATION

When: April 28th from 11:30AM-12:30PM

## WORKSHOP & FIELD DEMONSTRATION EVENT



**IMPORTANCE OF  
COVER CROPPING**



**HOW COVER CROPS,  
BIOCHAR, HUMIC ACID  
AND OTHER PRACTICES  
IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH  
AND WATER QUALITY**

## FARMER EXPERIENCE WITH HEALTHY SOILS PRACTICES

How building healthy soils impacts sustainable use of water resources in irrigated agriculture

Why is healthy soils important for an ecosystem?

What is the importance of soil in relation to water resources?

Why healthy soil is 'Water in the Bank'

Benefits of incorporating biochar, humic acid, and other practices to maximize benefits

Strategies to overcome root disease

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**REGISTER:** [HTTPS://MADERACHOWCHILLARCD.ORG/WORKSHOPS-EVENTS/](https://maderachowchillarcd.org/workshops-events/)

# GROWER EXPERIENCE WITH RECHARGE

**FIELD DAY: APRIL 12TH, 2023**

**SITE #1: 9AM-10:30AM  
26424 AVENUE 8, MADERA, CA 93637**

**SITE #2: 11AM-12PM  
AVENUE 11 1/2 & ROAD 23, MADERA, CA 93637**

- HOW TO PREPARE FOR ON-FARM RECHARGE AND RECHARGE BASINS
- OBSTACLES FACED AND SUCCESSES
- REAL-TIME EXPERIENCE WITH GROWERS
- FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECHARGE



**REGISTRATION:**  
[www.maderachowchillarcad.org](http://www.maderachowchillarcad.org)  
or call (626) 483-1345





# IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS

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APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER

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



## THEY WILL:

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

TO SCHEDULE AN EVALUATION  
PLEASE CONTACT:

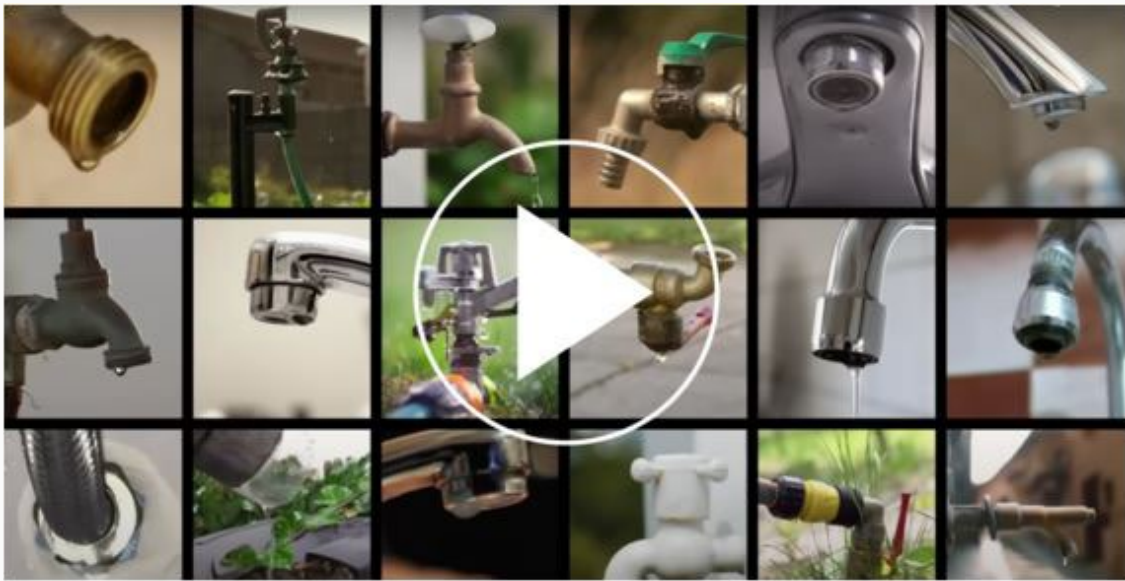
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## Drought

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## **It's Still Time to Conserve!**

The precipitation California has received recently combined with the nine atmospheric rivers in early January has helped ease drought impacts in parts of California, but we have seen in past years that conditions can change rapidly, and what looks like a healthy snowpack can disappear quickly.

With a shifting climate making swings between drought and flood more extreme, we must continue to strengthen programs that better manage water. Californians should continue to use water wisely.

There are many simple changes we can do today to save water for the future:

- Use less water outdoors by fixing leaks
- Reuse indoor and outdoor water
- Transform your yard with water wise and drought tolerant plants
- Turn off sprinklers when it rains

**[Find More Tips](#)**

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### **Drought Workgroup**

**Friday, April 21, 2023 - 10:00 am**

**The Drought Working Group will educate, coordinate,  
and conduct outreach regarding the drought.**

Join Zoom Meeting

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81025015035?pwd=OTVOTmdzWFdack1GN1VmZ2VqeHNJUT09>**

Meeting ID: 810 2501 5035 Passcode: 286880

Or Call in: 1-669-900-9128

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## RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO WELL OWNERS IN MADERA COUNTY

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,

call [Self-Help Enterprise](#) for:

Bottled Water: 559-802-1284    Water Wells: 559-802-1289

Water Quality: 559-802-1285    Drought Support: 559-802-1685.

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Visit our website at:

[maderacountywater.com](http://maderacountywater.com)

We have made some changes!

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## 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](http://maderacountywater.com).**

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