



## **WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS FOR GROWERS IN THE MADERA COUNTY GSA**

# **JUNE 2023**



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## **RECHARGE**

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### **Grower Recharge Workshop Event!**

The Madera/Chowchilla RCD will be hosting a Grower Experience with Recharge Workshop on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9AM-11AM. Topics covered in this workshop include how to prepare for on-farm recharge,

obstacles and challenges faced as well as the successes reached by growers who are implementing recharge. Growers will have the opportunity to talk about their experiences and have a Q&A session to discuss these topics.

Please [register](#) for this workshop!



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## Governor's Executive Order N-4-23 For Flood Diversion

Thank you for helping with groundwater sustainability!

All authorized flood flow diverters who have stopped diverting must file a final report to the [State Water Resources Control Board](#) and to the [Madera County Water & Natural Resources Department](#) within 14 days of when the diversion ends.

Forms:

[WNR EO N-4-23 Grower Information Form](#)

[SWRCB Reporting Form](#)

Visit the [State Water Resources Control Board](#) website for more information.

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## LAND REPURPOSING

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Land repurposing is a voluntary, compensated program that provides an incentive payment to growers in exchange for Sustainable Yield and Transitional Water allocations. Madera County GSA is implementing three Land Repurposing programs, described below, as part of its demand management actions to achieve groundwater sustainability for the subbasin.

To stay updated on Land Repurposing programs, interested parties can join the

[Interested Parties List](#) to receive relevant updates! Visit the [Land Repurposing](#) page for more information!

	Land Repurposing Programs in Madera County		
	Madera County GSA's Voluntary Land Repurposing	DWR's LandFlex (Targeted Land Repurposing)	DOC's Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing
Primary Focus?	Expedite the reduction of consumptive use of groundwater	Expedite the reduction of consumptive use of groundwater	Facilitate conversion to an alternative productive land use function as less groundwater is available
Who is eligible?	County GSA Growers only	County GSA Growers in Madera Subbasin only	All GSA Growers throughout Madera County
Who funds?	County GSA Growers with GSP Fee	Department of Water Resources Plus County GSA Growers with GSA Admin Fee	Department of Conservation Plus County GSA Growers with GSA Admin Fee
What is the timeline?	Under a preliminary injunction	Enrollment in 2023 (completed)	Enrollment in 2024 and 2025 for 2025 and beyond
What are the requirements?	Grower sells "sustainable yield" and "transitional water" for a set period of time	Grower sells "sustainable yield" and "transitional water" for year one and "transitional water" in years until 2040	TBD Plan and process under development during 2023
What is the contract length?	2-5 years	Through 2040	Minimum 10 years
What is landowner compensation?	Varies, equal to the applicant's accepted bid price times acres.	Fixed -Fallow: \$350/AF (\$808/acre) -Retire TW: \$1000/AF (\$1250/acre) -Land Use Transition: \$250-2800/acre	TBD Plan and process under development during 2023

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## FLOOD

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Flooded farms? Let us know so that we can take a look at any ET and potentially make an adjustment for you.

Contact us at (559) 662-8015 or at [ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com](mailto:ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com).

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## MEASUREMENT

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### Friendly Reminders!

Don't forget that your meter readings are due to the [flowmeter portal](#) by the 10th of each month! You will be shifted to Land IQ if you do not submit your readings, but you will still be able to use your meters as a back-up measurement.

If IrriWatch is your measurement method, your reports for the previous month will be live around the 10th of the month.

If you chose Land IQ as your measurement method, you will receive hard copies of your reports as soon as humanly possible.

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## APPOINTMENTS

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Have questions on your allocation, measurement, or any other GSA concern? [Schedule an appointment](#) with us! We can also be reached at (559) 662-8015 or you can visit us online at [maderacountywater.com](http://maderacountywater.com).

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