



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

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GSA News



Subbasin Announcements

The Delta-Mendota Subbasin continues with groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) implementation despite the GSPs being deemed "Inadequate" by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). During the second quarter of 2023, the Subbasin completed spring water level monitoring and submitted the Water Year 2022 Annual Report.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Staff Releases Draft Schedule for Inadequate Subbasin Probationary Hearings

Six Subbasins in the San Joaquin Valley with GSPs determined to be inadequate by DWR must now work through SWRCB to achieve "approved" status, per SGMA. SWRCB staff released a draft schedule for holding probationary hearings for all, including the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. Per the draft schedule, the Subbasin probationary hearing is tentatively scheduled for September, 2024. GSAs in the Subbasin may be able to avoid a probationary hearing by submitting revised GSPs prior to SWRCB issuing additional draft deficiencies, expected next spring.

Responding to DWR's Inadequate Determination for Subbasin GSPs

Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs have agreed to pursue a single GSP for the Subbasin as a way to

achieve "approved" status. A consultant was retained to address the Subbasin's water budget and Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) in the first step toward addressing "deficiencies" identified by DWR in the six GSPs that now cover the Subbasin.

The Coordination Committee released a request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to complete the task of condensing those GSP's into one document. The response to that RFP was still under review as the quarter came to a close.

SGMA Grant Activities

Work continues on the SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant, funded through DWR. Grant funds will reimburse GSAs for a variety of projects and activities dating back to December of 2021, when the grant proposal was submitted.

In addition to larger projects, the Subbasin will use the funding to conduct monitoring and fill data gaps to help water managers sustainably manage the Subbasin's precious groundwater resources for all beneficial uses and users.

Water Quality Monitoring

GSAs are in the process of collecting water quality monitoring data. Data will be submitted to DWR as required by SGMA in the fall.

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Coordination Committee
Second/Fourth Mondays
1:00 PM SLDMWA Boardroom

Northern Management Committee
First Wednesday
2:00 PM Patterson City Hall

Central Management Committee
Fourth Thursdays
10:00 AM SLDMWA Boardroom

Questions? Contact your local groundwater sustainability agency or send an email to dmsgma@sldmwa.org

Visit deltamendota.org for current and upcoming meeting information

The 2023 Second Quarter Newsletter can be accessed online at <http://deltamendota.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DM-Newsletter-2023-Q2-A.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Flood-MAR success story to be told at Lunch-MAR webinar

A [flood-managed aquifer recharge](#) (Flood-MAR) success story out of Madera County will be featured during the next [Lunch-MAR webinar](#) on Wednesday, Aug. 2. Following the March 10 release of Governor Newsom's [executive order on groundwater recharge](#), Madera County was able to implement recharge projects almost immediately. During the webinar, Stephanie Anagnoson, the county's director of water and natural resources, will cover some of the lessons learned during the experience.

[Register Here](#)



Private Well Classes Available

Would you like to learn about your responsibilities as a private well owner? The Private Well Class program uses a combination of online and in-person methods to boost knowledge and competency of the individual well owner as well as the thousands of dedicated environmental health, cooperative extension, and water well professionals that serve well owners day to day. The Private Well Class webinars are live sessions, in addition to the [main email course](#) material. They reinforce the topics in your email lessons with additional examples. The webinars are also your best opportunity to ask questions.

You can find the upcoming dates below.

Webinar registration is separate from enrollment in the email class. Both are free, but they are different. Also, you must register for any of the webinar dates separately. During the webinar you will see the presentation on your computer screen and hear the presentation through your computer speakers.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Is My Water Safe to Drink? - Common Questions about Private Wells

August 16, 2023, 1pm Central

[Registration](#)

What Real Estate Professionals Need to Know about Homes with Well Water

September 12, 2023, 1pm Central

[Registration](#)

Madera County Drought Workgroup

August 18 , 2023– 10 am.

Zoom Meeting

- Wildfire Best Practices for Water Systems
- Wells-After a Wildfire
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS)- After a Wildfire



Click the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bit.ly/3rgNCBX>



[Click to Join the Drought Workgroup Meeting](#)

IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS

STANISLAUS MERCED MADERA COUNTIES

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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Yosemite National Park is Holding their Second Public Comment Period on How to Improve Access

After receiving nearly 7,000 comments during the first public comment period on ways to improve access and the visitor experience at [Yosemite National Park](#) in California, the National Park Service is staging another comment period to gather more input.

Comments received during the first period helped inform the development of management concepts and refine issue statements. Comments gathered during the current period will help the park refine preliminary ideas, strategies, and concepts and will inform the development of future management alternatives.

The initial comment period ran from December 2022 through February 3, 2023. This second round, which opened Thursday, runs through September 6.

For More Information - [National Parks Traveler](#)

**You can learn more about the issues,
and leave your comments, [at this page](#).**

Weather Issues

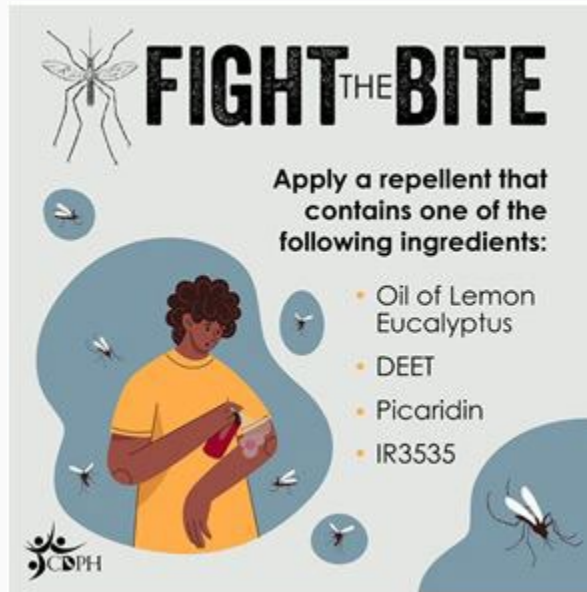
Where in the world is El Niño? What the stall means for weather, water and more

“El Niño replaced La Niña a few months ago but has since stalled out. ABC10 meteorologist looks at why this happened, and what it means for California going forward.” Click Below to Watch Video:

<https://youtu.be/MoaDCV5Zaw4>



For More Information - [Heat](#)



Fight the Bite!

Don't let mosquitoes ruin your fun outdoors! Remember to use insect repellent to keep mosquitoes from biting while you're outside. Mosquitoes can spread #WestNileVirus when they bite.

Learn more about repellent: www.bit.ly/CDPHRepellent

Drought

**BE WELL
prepared**

What do I do if my well goes dry?

For domestic well owners or residents on groundwater wells, follow these four initial steps if you think your well has gone dry

1

Contact a Certified Well Professional

A certified well professional can diagnose the cause of a dry well, and in some cases, it may be easy to fix. Find a Certified Well Professional in your area: wellowner.org/find-a-contractor
If a well professional determines that your well is dry due to lowering of groundwater levels, go to Step 2.

2

Contact Your Local Emergency Response Entity or Service Provider

In the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern: first call **Self-Help Enterprises** (a service provider) at 559-802-1685 or email: droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org.
In all other counties, find your County Emergency Drought Contact here: www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/emergency_contacts.html, or contact your county Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.

3

Make Sure Your Dry Well is Reported

You should report a dry well on the California Department of Water Resource's Dry Well Reporting System: mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report (voluntary). If you are receiving support from Self-Help Enterprises, they will help make sure your dry well is reported to the state.

4

Check on Your Neighbors and Share This Information!

It is important to look after our neighbors and communities during drier and drought years.



For additional information and resources, visit: water.ca.gov/bewellprepared

Four initial steps for owners to take after a well runs dry

A [new flyer](#) from DWR provides the four initial steps for well owners to take if they think their well has gone dry. The first step provides website information for contacting a certified well professional. The flyer information is part of the [Be Well Prepared](#) program that provides information and resources to help deal with impacts of climate-driven weather extremes on groundwater supplies and drinking water wells.

The flyer is available in [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#).

Local Assistance



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](https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org) for:

Bottled Water: 559-802-1284 Water Wells: 559-802-1289
 Water Quality: 559-802-1285 Drought Support: 559-802-1685.

Visit our website at:

maderacountywater.com

We have made some changes!

Have questions on your allocation, measurement, or any other GSA concern? [Schedule an appointment](https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org) with us! We can also be reached at (559) 662-8015,

at the County Government Building on the third floor, or you can visit us online
at maderacountywater.com.

