



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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Almond Alliance



[The Almond Alliance](#) and Great Valley Seed have partnered to develop native plant and seed supplies. These supplies will be made easily accessible to California's almond growers to expand pollinator habitat on 7,600 working farms.

This farmer-to-farmer solution, the Almond Alliance and Great Valley Seed Pollinator Habitat Partnership, harnesses the sophistication and excellence of California's almond farmers to grow habitat, promote pollinator health and biodiversity, and further develop native seed and nursery stock for continued habitat restoration on California's working lands.

[Sign up today!](#)

CDFA Dairy Plus Program

There is still time to apply for CDFA's [Dairy PLUS Program](#).

The application window closes on 8/28/23!

The program has \$75M that will be deployed over the next 5 years to support Advanced Manure Management practices. For farmers that already have subsurface drip irrigation systems, there is an opportunity to receive funding for incorporating manure effluent as a fertilizer replacement in combination with

other eligible practices under the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) and the Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP). Technical Assistance is being provided by UCANR Climate Smart Agriculture Community Education Specialists who are available to help answer questions from farmers who are interested in applying. The nearest specialist is Caddie Bergren cmbergren@ucanr.edu.

Subsurface Drip Irrigation

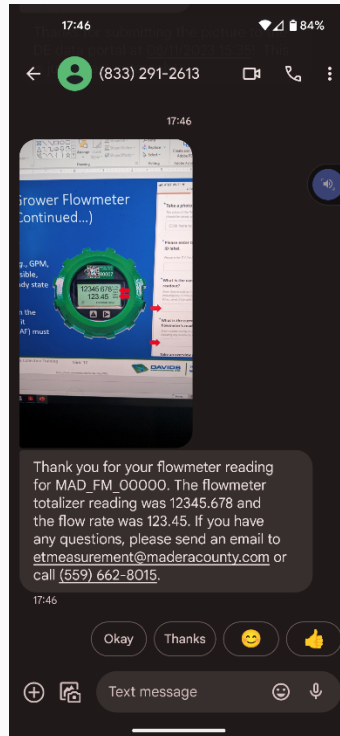
What's better than one funding opportunity? Two!

Are you currently flood irrigating and interested in converting to subsurface drip irrigation (SDI)? A large beverage company that is seeking water savings from the conversion has a contract that equates to \$105,000 (or about half the cost of the system) that would be paid over three years. Water savings will be tracked via a water meter and cross referenced with evapotranspiration data. For more information you can reach out directly to Val Fishman, a consultant to Netafim who is helping to broker the contract between the farmer and the installer, which is GAR Bennett. Val can be reached at val.fishman@netafim.com or valfishmancgw@gmail.com.

MEASUREMENT

Private Meter Submission Autoreplies

Great news! If you are using private meters as your measurement choice, you will now be receiving a SMS autoreply message within two minutes of making your monthly meter submission! Don't forget to upload your photos once a month between the first and tenth. Make sure to take a photo even if you are not pumping!



Irriwatch – You should see monthly reports on the Irriwatch portal around the tenth of the month each month.

LandIQ – Your reports will be mailed to you ASAP. The reports for June went out at the beginning of August via USPS.

RECHARGE

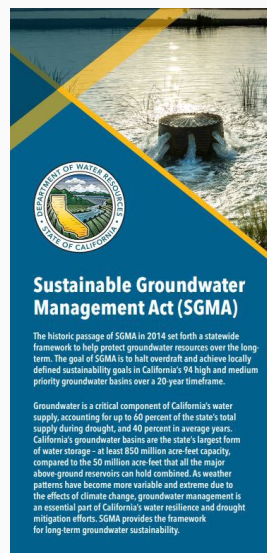
Executive Order N-10-23

[Executive Order N-10-23](#) acknowledges the need for expedited removal of debris and vegetation from impacted areas before the next rainy season to mitigate flooding and support recovery efforts. It suspends certain regulations and requirements to facilitate emergency activities, including repair and maintenance of infrastructure, sediment removal, and vegetation management. Specific conditions and criteria must be met for these emergency activities to

take place, ensuring they are necessary, environmentally responsible, and completed by November 1, 2023.

SGMA

New SGMA Brochure



DWR has released a [brochure](#) that provides an overview of the elements in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). In 2014, SGMA was passed to create a statewide framework that would provide long-term protection of groundwater resources. The brochure describes benefits of SGMA and includes DWR resources to help with SGMA compliance. A [Spanish version](#) of the brochure is available.

LAND REPURPOSING

Interested in converting agricultural land to lower water intensive crops or a different productive use? Madera County's Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) is partnered with the Madera Farm Bureau, Madera Ag Water Association (MAWA), Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District and the California Farmland Trust. Join our [Land Repurposing Interested Party List](#) for upcoming MLRP Madera workshop announcements and information on how growers can provide input on the plan design!

Visit the [Land Repurposing](#) page for more information.

DOMESTIC WELLS



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](#)

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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
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