

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

# **SEPTEMBER 2023**



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# RECHARGE

#### Flood Diversion Final Reporting Form Due 9/15/2023

If you diverted water under the Governor's Executive Order N-4-23, the State Water Resources Control Board requires all authorized flood flow diverters to file a final report by September 15, 2023. If you have not submitted your form, please do so at your earliest convenience.

When submitting your form, please confirm:

 Total Diverted Amount in Acre-Feet: Please provide us with the precise measurement of the total amount of water diverted in acre-feet.
Waterway from which the Diversion Occurred: Kindly specify the specific waterway from which the diversion took place.

Reports must be completed using the <u>SWRCB Reporting Form</u> and then emailed to <u>FloodDiversion@waterboards.ca.gov</u> and <u>etmeasurement@maderacounty.com</u>.

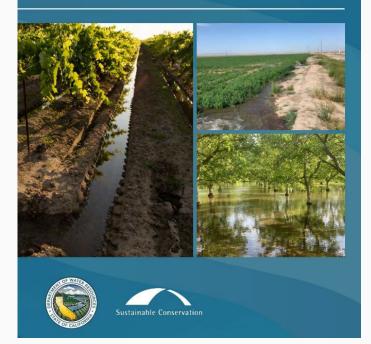
If you have any questions, please visit the <u>State Water Resources Control</u> <u>Board</u> website for more information or feel free to reach out to us at (559) 662-8015.

#### New Groundwater Recharge Guidance Manual from DWR and Sustainable Conservation



A summary of strategies and challenges

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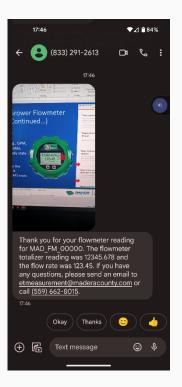
The <u>On-Farm Recharge Methods Manual</u>, a summary of strategies and challenges, is now available! This document gathers observations and lessons learned from over a decade of Sustainable Conservation working directly with growers and irrigation districts to implement on-farm recharge, including methods to enhance recharge, avoid crop health problems, manage recharge events, and minimize nutrient leaching. This document summarizes in-field practices with 10 grower case studies to provide practical information about on-farm recharge from growers to growers. The case studies share grower motivation and experience and track recharge events, costs, and challenges.

For questions or more information, please visit the <u>Sustainable</u> <u>Conservation</u> website or email <u>sgmps@water.ca.gov</u>.

### **MEASUREMENT**

#### **Private Meter Submission Autoreplies**

Friendly reminder! If you are using private meters as your measurement choice, you will 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!

# **DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION**

#### Domestic Well Mitigation Program in the Chowchilla Subbasin

The Chowchilla Subbasin is pleased to offer a domestic well mitigation program for domestic wells in the Chowchilla Subbasin.

If your domestic well goes dry, please call the program administrator at Chowchilla Water District at (559) 665-3747.

### **GSA ADMIN FEE**

#### **GSA Admin Fee Insights**

The GSA Fee, also known as the Admin Fee, covers the essential administrative tasks carried out by the County GSAs. This fee supports activities like planning and managing the allocation process. It helps fund support for grant-funded initiatives. Additionally, it facilitates the coordination of annual reports, revisions to multiple Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), and provides assistance to growers by addressing their questions and concerns and includes litigation costs. Essentially, the GSA Fee ensures that the County GSAs can effectively oversee and support various important aspects of groundwater management.

Currently, the GSA fee is approximately \$26/ irrigated acre. The fee increases based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) and appears on your property tax bill as "GSA Fee".

Property tax bills are expected to arrive by the end of September/ beginning of October.

For more information on property tax bills, please visit the <u>Madera County</u> <u>Treasurer-Tax Collector</u> website or call (559) 675-7713. For questions on the GSA fee, please contact our office at (559) 662-8015.

# **GET IN TOUCH WITH US**

Curious about your allocation, measurement, or any other GSA-related queries? Reach out to us at (559) 662-8015, <u>schedule an appointment</u> or explore our online resources at <u>maderacountywater.com</u>.



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