



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

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SGMA NEWS



Subbasin Announcements

As the new water year begins, the Delta-Mendota Subbasin continues with groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) implementation, consistent with SGMA requirements, despite the GSPs being deemed "inadequate" by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). During the third quarter of 2023, the Subbasin completed mandatory summer water quality monitoring.

Progress on the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Single GSP Approach for SGMA Compliance

Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) put policy and technical issues on parallel tracks as they seek approval for a single GSP for the entire 750,000-acre Subbasin. On the policy side, the Coordination Committee agreed to a revised cost allocation to pay a consultant to revise the six previous GSPs into a single GSP for the Subbasin. Under a single GSP, a Coordination Agreement is no longer required. However, GSA representatives want a framework in place for working cooperatively, so a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will replace the Coordination Agreement once the single GSP is adopted. The MOA will have a stronger focus on GSP implementation.

The Subbasin's Coordination Committee will remain intact. Previously it consisted of eight seats with a total of six votes. Under the MOA, there will be seven seats with each seat having a vote. However, the MOA will

not take effect until the single GSP is adopted by all the GSAs in the Subbasin. That is anticipated to be presented to the GSAs for adoption in July of 2024.

On the technical track, a limited number of Committee members, staff, and consultants are meeting with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff on a monthly basis to discuss achieving "approved" status for the Subbasin's GSP and addressing deficiencies identified by DWR. SGMA legislation requires that once a GSP is determined "inadequate" by DWR, it moves to the jurisdiction of the SWRCB for approval.

SGMA Grant Activities

Activities continue on the SGMA Round 1 Implementation Grant, funded through DWR. The \$7.6 million grant is being administered by Del Puerto Water District on behalf of the Subbasin.

Grant-funded activities are focused on a variety of projects and management actions that will assist local GSAs in complying with the requirements of SGMA. These projects and management actions were prioritized by the local GSAs to help achieve groundwater sustainability across the Subbasin.

Water Level Monitoring

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

Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Coordination Committee
Second Monday
1:00 PM SLDMWA Boardroom

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

Central Management Committee
Fourth Thursday
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 Third Quarter Newsletter can be accessed online at <http://deltamendota.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-Third-Quarter-Newsletter.pdf>

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.



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.

DROUGHT

Madera County Drought Workgroup
Friday, November 17, 2023
10:00 am to 10:30 am

In response to conditions of extreme drought, the Madera County Drought Workgroup was created. Meetings are open to everyone from public agencies to the public. The Drought Workgroup acts as a clearinghouse for drought

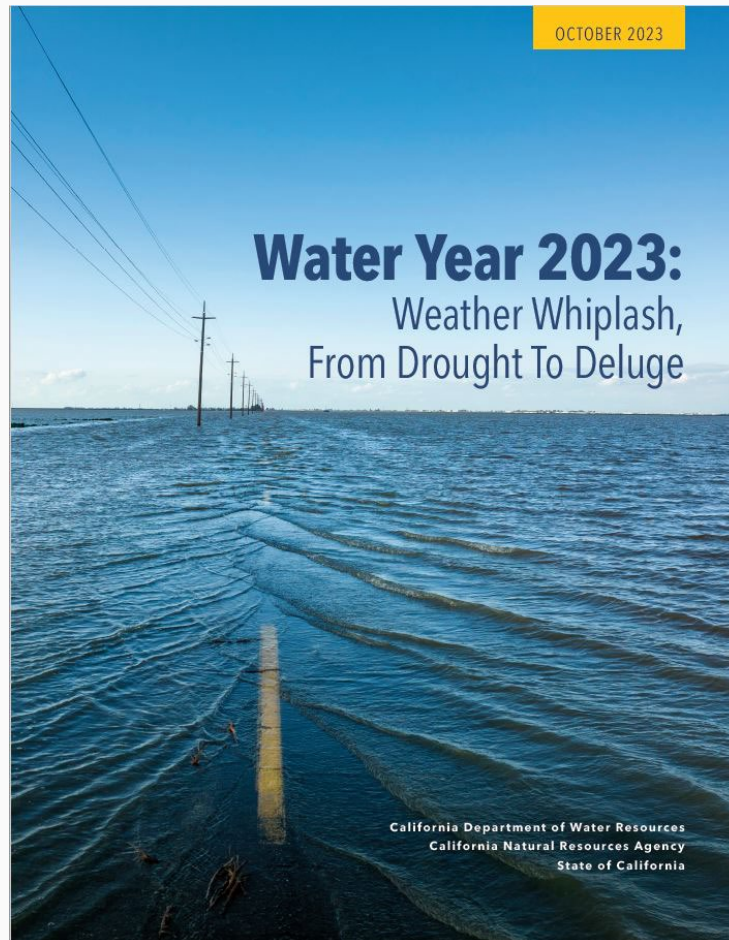
information. At the moment, we are drafting the Madera County Drought Contingency Plan required by Senate Bill 552.

Join Zoom Meeting:

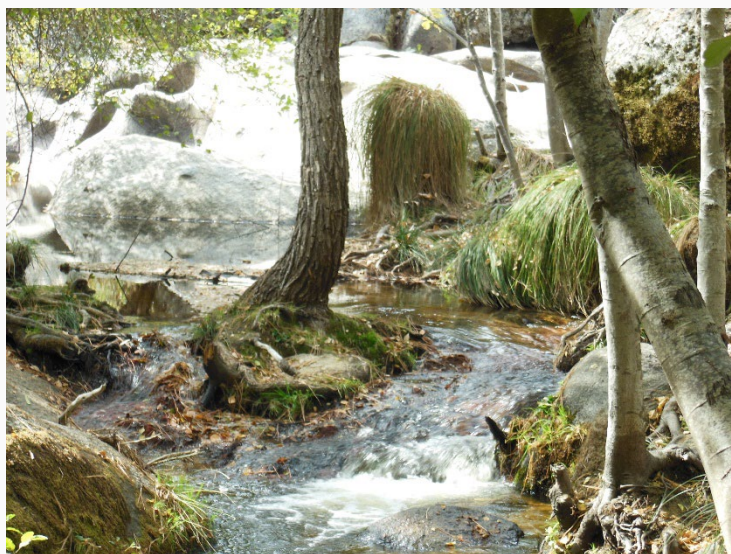
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85274937312?pwd=TWNYbTU0eDBTWSt4S28rbGwxOWhKQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 7493 7312 Passcode: 637645

Or call: 1-669-444-9171



[For your copy of the above Booklet: Water Year 2023](#)



California-Nevada Drought & Climate Outlook Webinar

November 27, 2023 - 11:00am to 12:00 pm (virtual)

[REGISTER](#)

The California-Nevada Drought Early Warning System November 2023 Drought & Climate Outlook Webinar is part of a series of regular drought and climate outlook webinars designed to provide interested parties in the region with timely information on current drought status and impacts, as well as a preview of current and developing climatic events (i.e., El Niño and La Niña).

A recording of this webinar will be posted on the [NIDIS YouTube channel](#) after the webinar.

RECHARGE

Groundwater Recharge Legislation Takes Effect January 1, 2024

OCTOBER 23, 2023

Governor Gavin Newsom has signed SB 659 as a means for improving groundwater recharge efforts. The legislation known as the California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023 was authored by Senator Angelique V. Ashby. It was co-sponsored by the California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG). This bill empowers the Newsom Administration and future governors to implement long-term strategies, including regulations and funding, to address the impacts of climate change on the state's water supply.

Read the rest of the article here: [AgNet West, Oct 23, 2023](#)

Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP)



Upcoming Public Workshops

Input from growers and residents is important to create a localized plan for MLRP in Madera County. Please join us at an upcoming workshop to learn about the program and provide your input.

Please RSVP to reserve a seat at the workshops. Space may be limited. To RSVP, send an email with the workshop date, your name and the number of people attending to mlrp@maderacounty.com.

Evening Workshop

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Frank Bergon Senior Center

238 S D St, Madera, CA 93638

**The MLRP evening workshop is a family friendly event and will include a children's area and activities. *Workshop information will be provided in English and Spanish.*

Morning Workshop

Thursday, November 16, 2023

7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Madera County Farm Bureau

1102 S Pine St, Madera, CA 93637

**Workshop information will be provided in English and Spanish.*



WINTER CLEAN-UP

Eastern Madera County 2023

Winter Storm Fire Hazard Mitigation

Do you still have storm-related tree and brush damage and debris?
YS RC&D C is partnering with American Tree Medis Inc to provide hazardous fuel reduction and defensible space clearing of storm-related hazards.

Funding for this project was provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Prevention Grants Program.



Are you in need of these services?
We are now taking applications!



Do you have storm related tree/brush damage and debris?

Yosemite/Sequoia RC & DC has received funding provided by CalFire, to help low-income and disabled folks in the Eastern Madera County clean up hazardous debris related to the January-March 2023 storms.

If you or anybody you know needs assistance clearing debris, please complete the application on-line.

[Click here to apply](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

California Department of Water Resources Basin Characterization
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 12:30PM -1:30PM

As a part of DWR's California's Groundwater (Bulletin-118) Basin Characterization Program, DWR implemented the Statewide Airborne Electromagnetic Survey Project and have now collected over 15,000 line-miles of data, covering the extent of 78 groundwater subbasins, including the entire Central Valley. The AEM data have been interpreted for material texture (coarse fraction) and can be used to better understand groundwater recharge pathways and identify potential aquifer recharge locations. Under the Basin Characterization Program, DWR is conducting a series of pilot studies to address SGMA-related groundwater questions and the first pilot study focuses on providing information to support floodplain rehabilitation, groundwater recharge, and domestic well assistance activities.

Presenters: Steven Springhorn and Katherine Dlubac

To join, please use this [registration link](#).



Here's the final press release - attached and linked here:

<https://floodmar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FloodMAR.org-Press-Release-10.10-1.pdf>



Attend the California Forestry Workforce Summit

Register now for the California Forestry Workforce Summit, which is sponsored by the UC Davis Institute of the Environment! It's also presented by the Foundation of California Community Colleges' Resilient Careers in Forestry program and hosted by Shasta College! At the summit, expect to hear from federal and state leaders speak about identifying challenges

and resources for effective, equitable workforce development in forestry and wildfire management to help Californians prepare for and secure jobs in this industry.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



1.5 CCA Credits Pending

Webinar

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CLIMATE-SMART FERTILIZER

- Assessing the Environmental Impact of Nitrogen Fertilizers
- Nitrogen Management in Perennial Agroecosystems
- Why Fertigate Nitrogen

SPEAKERS



Tiziano
Agronomist
Nitricity



Silas
President
CA Ag Solutions



Zac
Sr Director of Agronomy
Olam

LIVE

Nov 10, 2023
10:00 - 11:30 AM PST

Registration at
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workshops-events](http://www.maderachowchillarcd.org/workshops-events)

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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:

KEVIN REYES
programs@maderachowchillarc.org
559-755-5148



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](#) 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.



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