



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

**NOVEMBER 2023**



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**FINAL REMINDER:  
2023 OPT-IN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**

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If you will be planting land in 2024 that has never been irrigated before, you will need to notify the County GSAs by **November 30, 2023**. We sent out letters with important information on this process only to landowners with never irrigated parcels since this only applies to landowners with never irrigated lands. Approved parcels will be allocated a sustainable yield and come with associated fees and reporting requirements.

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**RECHARGE**

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## Preliminary Recharge Estimates In Madera County GSAs

We would like to inform all growers within the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) about an important initiative.

We have introduced a [Recharge Form](#) aimed at gathering preliminary information on recharge efforts in the County GSAs for the year 2023. This form is crucial for assessing and understanding the ongoing recharge activities in the region. It is imperative that all growers who diverted water in 2023 participate by filling out the form to provide valuable insights into the collective efforts being made.

Once the Madera County Board of Supervisors finalizes the recharge credit policy and potential credits, we will require an official report from each grower, accompanied by the necessary documentation. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated, as it plays a pivotal role in the sustainable management of groundwater resources in our community.

If you conducted recharge in 2023 with Executive Order water or Purchased Water, please complete the Recharge Form by **November 23, 2023**.

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## MEASUREMENT

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You will soon be receiving a letter outlining the Measurement Method options for the year 2024. This letter provides you with the opportunity to switch your current measurement method.

This process solely pertains to modifying your measurement method. Once you make a selection, you won't be able to alter your choice for the year 2024 until the end of that year.

Stay tuned for more information of when this letter will be sent out and further details!

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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

## Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program | MLRP Madera

### Upcoming Workshops

Input from growers and residents is important to create a localized plan for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) in Madera County. Please join us at an upcoming workshop to learn about the program and how to get involved.

#### EVENING WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, November 15**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Frank Bergon Senior Center**  
238 S D St, Madera, CA  
93638

**Registration:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yv75ketu>



#### MORNING WORKSHOP

**Thursday, November 16**  
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

**Madera County Farm Bureau**  
1102 S Pine St, Madera, CA  
93637

**Registration:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/pwk5see4>



#### NEW VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, November 21**  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Zoom**

**Registration:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/6wa4sn8n>



*\*Workshops will include light refreshments and all information will be provided in English and Spanish.*

*\*The MLRP evening workshop on 11/15 is a family friendly event and will include a children's area with activities.*

#### About MLRP Madera

MLRP is a grant program to support voluntarily ag land repurposing projects that save water while also producing additional benefits for rural communities and ecosystems. For more information, visit [maderacountywater.com/multibenefit-land-repurposing-program/](https://maderacountywater.com/multibenefit-land-repurposing-program/).



[See full flyer](#)

## Programa de Reúso de Tierras para Beneficios Múltiples

## MLRP Madera

### ¡Reuniones de Partes Interesadas!

Los aportes de los productores y residentes son importantes para crear un plan localizado para el Programa de reutilización de tierras de múltiples beneficios (MLRP) en el condado de Madera. Unase a nosotros en un próximo taller para conocer el programa y cómo participar.

#### REUNIÓN NOCTURNO

**Miércoles 15 de noviembre**  
6:00 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.

**Frank Bergon Senior  
Center**  
258 S D St, Madera, CA  
93638

**Registración:**  
[tinyurl.com/44jyvasv](https://tinyurl.com/44jyvasv)



#### REUNIÓN MATUTINO

**Jueves 16 de noviembre**  
7:00 a.m. a 8:30 a.m.

**Madera County Farm  
Bureau**  
1102 S Pine St, Madera,  
CA 93637

**Registración:**  
[tinyurl.com/2s38z23p](https://tinyurl.com/2s38z23p)



#### NUEVA REUNIÓN VIRTUAL

**Martes 21 de noviembre**  
4:00 p.m. a 5:30 p.m.

**Zoom**

**Registración:**  
[tinyurl.com/2r68sy3y](https://tinyurl.com/2r68sy3y)



\*Las reuniones incluirán refrigerios ligeros y toda la información estará disponible en inglés y español.

\*La reunión de Programa de Reúso de Tierras para Beneficios Múltiples en el 15 de Noviembre es un evento familiar y contará con un área para niños con actividades.

#### Acerca de MLRP Madera

El Programa de Reúso de Tierras para Beneficios Múltiples es un programa de subvenciones que apoya proyectos voluntarios de repurposición de tierras agrícolas que ahorran agua y, al mismo tiempo, generan beneficios adicionales para las comunidades rurales y los ecosistemas. Para obtener más información, visita [maderacountywater.com/multibenefit-land-repurposing-program](https://maderacountywater.com/multibenefit-land-repurposing-program)



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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### SJVAPCD Raisin Tray Rebate Program

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) is accepting applications for the Non-Combustion Alternatives to Open Burning of Raisin Trays Program (Raisin Tray Rebate Program). The Program provides rebates to Valley raisin growers to help support the deployment of non-burning alternatives for the disposition of raisin trays.

### Requirements:

- Rebates are available for the disposal of raisin trays at local disposal sites through self-hauling or third-party hauling services.
- Rebates are funded based on the number of acres associated with the raisin tray disposal.
- Rebates are available for the 2023 harvest season to assist in the transition to non-burning alternatives. Rebate applications will be accepted through March 31, 2024.
- No portion of the raisin trays can be burned, or disposed of in any type of combustion process, prior to or after submission of the rebate application.
- Waste, other than the raisin trays, cannot be included in the waste hauling services being submitted with the rebate application.
- The vineyard associated with the raisin trays must be located within the SJVAPCD boundaries.

For more information, please visit [raisin-trays-cab-231019.pdf \(valleyair.org\)](https://www.valleyair.org/raisin-trays-cab-231019.pdf)

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## TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN PUBLIC HEARING

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At its April 16, 2024 meeting, the State Water Board will consider designating the Tulare Lake subbasin a probationary basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). See the [hearing notice](#) for information on the hearing time and location and how to participate.

Questions? Contact the SGMA Program at [SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov) or call 916-322-6508. More information about SGMA and the State Water Board's role can be found here: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma)

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## DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION

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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.

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## GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (559) 662-8015, [schedule an appointment](#) or explore our online resources at [maderacountywater.com](http://maderacountywater.com).

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