



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

MADERA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY

LOOK BACK AT 2023

The Grant Funded Accomplishments for 2023 include:

- Completed project to repair six sections of the levee system on the Fresno River and patrol roads on the Berenda Slough.
- Completed the Emergency Action Plan project.
- The Central Valley Flood Protection Board approved MCFCWCA to move forward on creating a System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) for the four levee systems. Madera County levees are now eligible for funding if disaster were to strike.
- Received \$1,060,000 partnering River Partners from the California Wildlife Conservation Board to control vegetation on Ash and Berenda Sloughs.
- Removed 10.2 miles of Arundo from the Ash & Berenda sloughs.

Non-Grant Funded Accomplishments for 2023 include:

- Declared a flood emergency due to imminent risk to use floodwaters for recharge based on the Governor's order.

- Received a 5-year extension on the Department and Fish & Game Agreement for Sediment Removal in the Ash and Berenda Sloughs
 - Received a Department Fish & Game agreement to allow routine maintenance in Chowchilla River, Ash Slough, Berenda Slough, Fresno River, and Dry Creek
 - Flood Control Agency purchased 20,000 sandbags for County-wide Flood Safety.
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LOOK AHEAD TO 2024

The goals for 2024 are to:

- Bring onboard a new team member dedicated to Flood Control.
 - Secure funding through grants for flood prevention and waterway improvement projects.
 - Prepare the System Wide Improvement Framework, as well as tackle systemwide improvements.
 - Collaborate with River Partners to remove Arundo in the Ash Slough, Berenda Slough, and the Fresno River as well as partnering with CSU, Fresno, and others on Regional Flood work.
 - Apply for Department of Fish & Wildlife 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement for foothill area waterways, especially the Fresno River, encompassing the Oakhurst River Parkway.
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