



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

MARCH 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



MADERA COUNTY GSAs RESOURCE FAIR

Join us for a Growers Resource Fair!

Explore Valuable Resources and Information

- **Allocation-** Have one on one conversations with your Water Resources Specialist
- **Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program-** Learn about options and take our MultiBenefit Land Repurposing Survey
- **Recharge-** Give your comments on the draft policies
- **Solar Energy-** Consult with the Planning and Assessor's Departments on integrating solar energy
- **Flood-** Learn how to keep rates low by contributing to farmland maintenance along waterways
- **Resource Conservation Districts-** Pollinators
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service-** Grant funded programs



Come Celebrate with us!
The Madera Subbasin GSPs
have been Accepted



March 6, 2024
1:00pm-3:00pm



**Madera County
Government Center**

3rd Floor Presentation Room 3200
200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

No Registration Needed

Don't miss this opportunity to
learn, connect, and empower your
agricultural practices!



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IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS



MARCH 19TH, 2024

SOILS EDUCATION CENTER
5956 CENTRAL AVE, CERES, CA 95307
8:45-11AM

MARCH 26TH, 2024

VIRTUAL & IN PERSON
MADERA FARM BUREAU OFFICE
1102 S PINE ST. MADERA, CA 93637
8:45-11AM

TOPICS INCLUDE

- CONSERVATION PLANNING
- GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
- IRRIGATION DATA & SCHEDULING
- MAINTENANCE FOR EFFICIENCY

MARCH 28TH, 2024

MERCED COUNTY AG OFFICE
2145 WARDROBE AVE, MERCED, CA 95341
8:45-11AM

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RSVP HERE:



MLRP | MULTIBENEFIT LAND
REPURPOSING PROGRAM WORKSHOP
MADERA CHOWCHILLA
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2.0 CCA
CEU'S
PENDING



MARCH 20, 2024

9:00AM-11:00AM

**MADERA COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE
1102 S PINE ST. MADERA, CA 93637**

RSVP BY VISITING
www.maderachowchillarcdd.org

OR BY CALLING
Amy at
626-483-1345

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- MLRP Program Funding Opportunities
- Project Types Funded Under MLRP
- RCD Programs
- Wildlife Projects on Working Lands
- Technical Service Providers for Pollinator Projects

**RSVP BY
MARCH 13**
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



SGMA NEWS

Groundwater Awareness Week will have SGMA theme

This year's [Groundwater Awareness Week](#) events will focus on the 10th anniversary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The week will run March 10–16 with online events taking place Monday through Friday. They will include a [webinar](#) on the progress made under SGMA and how

State-local partnerships and innovative projects are putting more water into the ground.

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](http://www.chowchillawaterdistrict.org) for:

Bottled Water: 559-802-1284 Water Wells: 559-802-1289

Water Quality: 559-802-1285 Drought Support: 559-802-1685.

Drought Information

Secretary Crowfoot posts video, sets drought webinar

California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot has [posted a video](#) explaining how weirs, during high flows, contribute to replenishing aquifers, supporting habitat, and playing important roles in flood protection infrastructure. On Tuesday, March 5, the secretary will host a webinar to discuss the ways California is using wet years to prepare for future drought. Webinar details will be posted on the [Secretary Speaker Series webpage](#).

Madera County Drought Workgroup Friday, March 8, 2024 - 10:00

The Central California Public Health Consortium will provide a presentation about the health impacts of the drought for communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566775673?pwd=MjRaMG5meFJhbVYyb21adGVSR2kydz09>

Meeting ID: 845 6677 5673

Passcode: 209938

Or Dial - 669-900-9128(San Jose)

OTHER NEWS

HOMEOWNER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



MADERA COUNTY—The [Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council \(EMCFSC\)](#) is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for Defensible Space Assistance, chipping, and hazard tree removal. EMCFSC has resources available to assist low-income, tribal, elderly, or otherwise disadvantaged residents. Residents identified as vulnerable in Eastern Madera County (EMC) with establishing defensible space in compliance with regional code ordinances.

How Do I Qualify?

Don't wait to inquire. Funding will run out. To see if you and your property qualify, residents will need to fill out the inquiry form on EMCFSC's [website](#). To qualify, the property must be located in Eastern Madera County in a "high" or "very high" hazard severity risk zone as determined by CAL FIRE. Residents can visit [Fire Hazard Severity Zones](#) to determine their properties risk.

The Madera County Farm Bureau 2024 Scholarship application is open!

Please see below for additional information. The application can be found by clicking the link under the flyer or by visiting our website <https://maderafb.com/scholarship-application/>

Applications are DUE MARCH 6th!

If you have any questions please contact the MCFB Office by phone or email

559.674.8871

office@maderaafb.com

California State Parks approves five-year strategic plan

A [five-year strategic plan has been finalized](#) by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The [Path Forward Strategic Plan](#) consists of eight themes; each theme with a set of goals to protect and strengthen the benefits afforded by California State Parks. The themes include public safety, equity, and natural and cultural resources.



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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