



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

APRIL 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2024

Community residents, water leaders, water agency staff and board members are invited to participate in the 2024 Leadership Institute hosted by Self-Help Enterprises. The six-month institute consists of classroom presentations, interactive dialogue, activity-based learning, and water tours in the Madera County region.

STIPENDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

This institute creates the space to develop relationships between residents and agency staff, gain perspective on the needs of all water users, and lay foundations for the hard work required to address realistic and equitable water management for everyone.



INSTITUTO DE LIDERAZGO DE PARTICIPACIÓN COMUNITARIA 2024

Los residentes de la comunidad, los líderes del agua, el personal de las agencias de agua y miembros de la Junta están invitados a participar en el Instituto de Liderazgo 2024 organizado por Self-Help Enterprises.

ESTIPENDIOS DISPONIBLES PARA RESIDENTES DE LA COMUNIDAD

El Instituto de seis meses consta de presentaciones en el aula, diálogo interactivo, aprendizaje basado en actividades y tours de agua en la región del Condado de Madera.

2024 PROGRAM DATES

Session 1: Kick-Off	March 16, 2024
Session 2: Water 101	April 19, 2024
Session 3: Spring Water Tour	May 17, 2024
Summer Focus Groups	TBD
Session 4: Working Together	Sept. 13, 2024
Session 5: Fall Water Tour	Oct. 19, 2024
Session 6: Next Steps & Graduation	Nov. 16, 2024

All sessions are from 8:30am - 3:30pm
Water Tours are from 8:00am - 5:00pm

WHAT'S NEW?

This year's version of Leadership Institute offers rural community leaders and water management staff a unique opportunity to talk with, listen to, and learn from one another.

There is no charge to participate.

All sessions are open to everyone - please note sessions will take place in the Madera-Merced area.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- **Central Valley water:** where it comes from, where it goes, and how it is used.
- **Rural community voices:** concerns and potential solutions.
- **Working together:** how communities, counties, environment managers, agriculture, and regional water supply staff can all work together toward better solutions for Central Valley water management.

FECHAS DEL PROGRAMA 2024

Sesión 1: Inicio	16 de marzo
Sesión 2: Agua 101	19 de abril
Sesión 3: Tour de agua de primavera	17 de mayo
Grupos focales de verano	Por determinar
Sesión 4: Trabajando juntos	13 de septiembre
Sesión 5: Tour de agua de otoño	19 de octubre
Sesión 6: Próximos pasos y Graduación	16 de noviembre

Todos las sesiones son de 8:30am - 3:30pm
Los tours de agua son de 8:00am - 5:00pm

¿QUÉ HAY DE NUEVO?

La versión de este año del Instituto de Liderazgo ofrece a los líderes comunitarios rurales y al personal de gestión del agua una oportunidad única para hablar, escuchar y aprender unos de otros.

No hay cargo para participar.

Todas las sesiones están abiertas a todos; tenga en cuenta que las sesiones se llevarán a cabo en el área de Madera-Merced.

LOS PARTICIPANTES APRENDERÁN SOBRE:

- **Agua del Valle Central:** de dónde viene, a dónde va y cómo se utiliza.
- **Voces de la comunidad rural:** Desafíos y posibles soluciones.
- **Trabajando juntos:** cómo las comunidades, los condados, el medio ambiente, la agricultura y los administradores regionales del suministro de agua pueden colaborar hacia soluciones sostenibles para el Valle Central


HOW DO I APPLY?

Find out more about Leadership Institute at: <https://bit.ly/SHELeadershipInstitute>

SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY: 

¿CÓMO ME INSCRIBO?

Obtenga más información sobre el Instituto de Liderazgo en: <https://bit.ly/SHELeadershipInstitute>

ESCANEAR CÓDIGO QR PARA APLICAR: 

Questions?
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YOU'RE INVITED TO
COUNTY OF MADERA
FREE DUMP EVENT

April 6, 2024 | 7:00am – 2:30pm

Location:
 Fairmead Landfill
 21739 Road 19, Chowchilla, CA

Madera County Residents Only

One (1) visit per household allowed

Limit of four (4) of each of the following items per household:

- Mattresses or Box Springs
- Auto/Truck Tires
- Appliances (Microwave, Fridge, Water Heater)
- Large Electronics (TV, Printer, Vacuum)

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED ITEMS

Household Waste
 Couch/Sofa
 Bookcase
 Carpet
 Table/Chairs
 Dresser
 Desk

Recliner
 Wood
 Scrap Metal
 Yard Trimmings
 Shelving
 Filing Cabinet

WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Hazardous Waste (Paint, Aerosols, Batteries, Chemicals, etc.)
 Commercial Waste
 Dead Animals
 Tractor Tires
 Construction Waste (Dirt, Concrete, Drywall)
 Radioactive Waste
 Treated Wood
 Asbestos
 Liquid Waste
 Sewage/Sludge
 Large Bulky Item (Hot Tub, etc.)

In Partnership With:



DUE TO HIGH TRAFFIC VOLUMES, THIS EVENT IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

ALL LOADS MUST BE PROPERLY COVERED/SECURED

Other restrictions may apply. Call 559-665-7300 for more info.



ESTAN INVITADOS AL
EVENTO DE DESCARGA GRATUITA
DEL CONDADO DE MADERA

El de Abril de 6, 2024 | 7:00am – 2:30pm

Locacion:
 Fairmead Landfill
 21739 Road 19, Chowchilla, CA

Residentes del Condado de Madera Solamente

Una (1) visita por hogar permitido

Límite de cuatro (4) de cada uno de los siguientes artículos por hogar

- Colchones o bases de colchón
- Llantas de auto/camión
- Electrodomésticos (microondas, refrigerador, calentador de agua)
- Grandes Aparatos Electrónicos (televisores, impresora, aspiradora)

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED ITEMS

Residuos Domésticos
 Sofás
 Liberarias
 Alfombras
 Mesa/Sillas Tocador
 Escritorio

Sillón Reclinable
 Madera
 Chatarra
 Recortes de Jardín
 Estantería
 Archivador

WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Residuos Peligrosos (Pintura, Aerosoles, Baterías, Productos Químicos, etc.)
 Residuos Comerciales
 Animales Muertos
 Llantas de Tractores
 Residuos de Construcción (Mugre, Concreto, Paneles de yeso)
 Desechos radiactivos
 Madera Tratada
 Asbestos
 Residuos Líquidos
 Aguas Residuales/Lodo
 Artículo grande y voluminoso (Bañera de hidromasaje, etc.)

In Partnership With:



DEBIDO A LOS ALTOS VOLUMENES DE TRAFICO, ESTE EVENTO ES POR ORDEN DE LLEGADA
TODAS LAS CARGAS DEBEN ESTAR ADECUADAMENTE CUBIERTAS/ASEGURADAS
 Se pueden aplicar otras restricciones. Llame al 559-665-7300 para obtener más información.

APRIL
15, 2024

 **MADERA COUNTY**
FARM BUREAU



AG PLASTIC CONTAINER
RECYLCE EVENT

Recycling & shredding provided by Interstate Ag Plastics
Supported by Ag Container Recycling Council

Accepting:

- Triple rinsed pesticide containers (inspection mandatory & containers must be clean)
- 30 or 55 gallon drums (must be cut in half or quarters lengthwise *top to bottom*)
- Caps, labels, and bungs must be removed
- No bulk cage type containers
- No trash or poly pipe

MCFB Parking Lot
1102 S Pine St
Madera, CA 93637

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559.674.8871



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Today!



MADERA/CHOWCHILLA
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

ANY CONTAINERS NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Madera County Farm Bureau www.maderafb.com



SGMA NEWS



2024 Marks a Decade of SGMA Regulations

California's landmark 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires local agencies in affected basins to develop and implement plans that identify a roadmap to protect groundwater for generations to come, turns 10 this year.

[Read More Here](#)

Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program | MLRP Madera

WHAT IS MLRP?



MLRP is a California Department of Conservation grant program to assist growers seeking to convert irrigated ag land to a less water intensive use. The purpose is to help spur entrepreneurial ideas and projects that save water and make business sense. MLRP also strives to incentivize projects that create additional benefits for local communities and the environment. These multibenefit outcomes include flood risk mitigation, renewable energy, employment opportunities, and enhancements to air, soil and water quality.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?



AGRICULTURE

Dryland Farming
Less Water-Intensive Crop
Rotational Strip Cropping
Rangeland



HABITAT

Pollinator Habitat
Floodplain
Habitat
Wildlife Corridor



OTHER BENEFICIAL USE

Solar/Renewable Energy
Recharge Basin or Facilities
Community Recreation
Cultural Space

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligible applicants for MLRP Madera funding are individuals or entities that own or have defined responsibility for agricultural land in Madera County. All regional MLRP plans and projects must also meet the Department of Conservation's rules and requirements for funding.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

The program is voluntary yet recognizes that SGMA-related impacts have and will require many growers in Madera County to make land use changes.

MLRP offers the opportunity for ag landowners to access state and other funding sources to proactively transition their land (or portion of their land) to a less water intensive use.



[Click on Image for More Information](#)

DWR releases groundwater well permitting report

The various approaches being used to comply with California's well-permitting requirements are summarized in a [new report from DWR](#). The report looks at ways well-permitting agencies and groundwater sustainability agencies are meeting executive order requirements for lessening the effects of intense drought conditions. There is also information on perspectives shared by some small communities, examples of local agency compliance measures, and observations of groundwater conditions that occurred during the time the actions were taken.

Groundwater Well Permitting

Observations and Analysis of Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23



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 Information



California is experiencing climate shifts that bring more extreme weather, resulting in a massive swing of our driest three years on record moving into some of the wettest weeks in recent history. Despite these storms, we are still in a drought. We must come together to change the way we think about and use water.

Simple actions we can take right now will help save water in a big way.

Check out these videos on ways to save water by doing an upgrade on your yard. Click Here: [SaveOurWaterCA](#)

OTHER NEWS

HOMEOWNER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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. Please read below, fill out an inquiry form, and they will be in touch.

Please note, the property must be located in Eastern Madera County in a "high" or "very high" hazard severity risk zone as determined by CAL FIRE. Please visit the link below to determine your properties risk:

[Fire Hazard Severity Zones](#)

[For More Information and the Application - Click Here](#)

Visit our website at:
maderacountywater.com

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.

