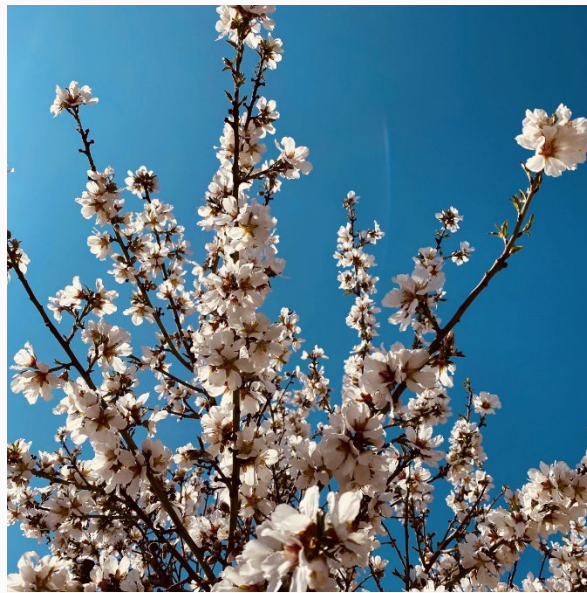




**WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS
FOR GROWERS
IN THE MADERA COUNTY GSAs**

FEBRUARY 2024



GROWERS RESOURCE FAIR



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!



(559) 662-8015



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MEASUREMENT

Appeals Requirements and Deadline

According to [Resolution 2021-113](#), If you plan to appeal your 2023 water use, you will need to submit:

1. Two reports for all flow meters associated with wells used to pump groundwater to irrigated areas:
 - An Installation Inspection Report confirming proper meter installation and maintenance.
 - A Certified Calibration Report, which can be either from a laboratory or field calibration.
2. Detailed monthly volume data of groundwater pumped, along with photographs of flow meter readings each month. If there's no flow meter reading available for a month:
 - For electric pumps: Provide a zero-power usage electrical bill.
 - For diesel pumps: Provide a valid Rule 1160 emissions report showing zero engine operation.
3. Submit a detailed map showing:
 - Irrigated areas for each well and associated flow meter.
 - Irrigated field acreage and crop types.
 - Description of the irrigation system for each field.
4. If sources other than groundwater are used, accurately measure and provide accounting for them.
5. Please note that we will offer an extension for appeals until **April 1, 2024**. Submit all documentation of the prior year via email to MaderaCountyGSAappeals@GElconsultants.com and wnr@maderacounty.com.
6. An independent third party will:

- Review the submitted information.
 - Evaluate the data.
 - Send a technical memorandum indicating approval or denial, copying wnr@maderacounty.com.
7. The decision made by the third party is final.

Meters for Backup

If you plan to use meters as a back up method for satellite measurement (either Irriwatch or LandIQ), please call your Water Resources Specialist to get stickers for your meters. You can also upload this data monthly so it is organized and ready to go for an appeal.

For more information, please visit <https://www.maderacountywater.com/measurement/>.

RECHARGE

Documentation Requested

We are ready to collect documentation on any water you purchased for use in irrigation or recharge in 2023. We are also accepting photos if you have taken water under the Governor's Executive Orders for recharge in 2023. Please send your documentation to etmeasurement@maderacounty.com.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Ag Burn Alternatives Grant Program

The [Ag Burn Alternatives Grant Program](#) provides incentives to utilize an alternative practice for the disposition of agricultural material from orchard/vineyard removals as an alternative to open burning. In addition, the Program provides incentives for the purchase of new agricultural wood-chipping equipment to chip orchard and vineyard removals located within the San Joaquin Valley. Complete applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available.

DWR's Ag Water Management Plans and Efficiency Update

The DWR has published the [Status of 2020 Agricultural Water Management Plans and Implementation of Efficient Water Management Practices Report](#). It covers information agricultural water suppliers must submit to DWR every five years. The report concludes that agricultural water suppliers are largely efficient and continue to improve efficiency through on-going implementation of efficient water management practices.

CONTACT US

For questions, please contact your Water Resources Specialist directly, call us at (559) 662-8015, email ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com, visit our [website](#), or [schedule an appointment](#).



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