



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

MARCH 2024



**UPCOMING
MEETING & WORKSHOPS**

**Madera County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

Tomorrow's Board Meeting will involve a discussion and consideration on adopting policies by the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. These policies concern Recharge Credit application to Groundwater Allocations within the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins of the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs).

Key Elements of the Draft Policy:

1. There are two separate policies: credits for purchased water and credits for water that is considered "flood water."
2. The policy is for agricultural lands with farm units in the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).
3. The policies are retroactive to January 1, 2023.
4. Recharge credits have a "floor" of 75% and a ceiling of 90% with additional documentation.
5. Extraction is limited to the aquifer in which recharge occurred.
6. Credits can be carried over from year to year.
7. There are no additional burdens on dairy lands over what exists in law.

This meeting will be held in person and on Zoom. For more information on the meeting, please review the [3/19/24 BOS Regular Meeting Agenda and Agenda Packet](#).

For more information on the recharge policy, please visit <https://www.maderacountywater.com/recharge/>.

MLRP Workshop

**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



Please [RSVP](#) by March 19th.

Irrigation & Nutrient Management Workshops

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

MARCH 28TH, 2024

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

TOPICS INCLUDE

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

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RSVP HERE:



Please [register](#) for this event.

Madera County Almond Day



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

UC Cooperative Extension



Madera County Almond Day

March 22, 2024

Madera County Farm Bureau

1102 South Pine Street, Madera, CA 93637

Check www.sjvtandv.com for current information

DPR, INMTP, and CCA units requested

Light refreshments will be available

Agenda

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| 7:30-8:00 | Registration |
| 8:00-9:00 | Regulatory requirements for using aluminum phosphide |
| 9:00-9:30 | Variety trial update |
| 9:30-10:00 | Picking the right rootstock |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break |
| 10:15-10:45 | Research update on irrigation by variety |
| 10:45-11:15 | Reflections on NOW in 2023, and Carpophilus update |
| 11:15-11:30 | survey |
| 11:30-12:00 | Research update on Orondis use in almonds |

No Registration is needed.

Contact the MCFB Office for questions.

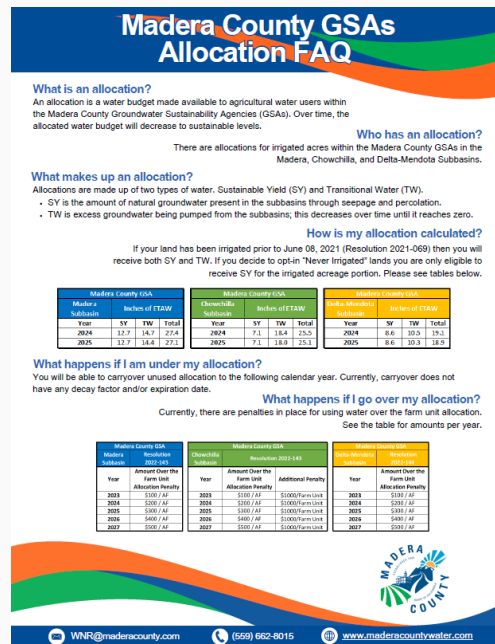
office@maderafb.com or 559.674.8871

MEASUREMENT

Measurement Method Survey

If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to take our [Measurement Method Survey](#). Your feedback on the measurement method options and your communication preferences would be valuable in helping us understand your satisfaction.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Madera County GSAs Allocation FAQ

What is an allocation?
An allocation is a water budget made available to agricultural water users within the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). Over time, the allocated water budget will decrease to sustainable levels.

Who has an allocation?
There are allocations for irrigated acres within the Madera County GSAs in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins.

What makes up an allocation?
Allocations are made up of two types of water: Sustainable Yield (SY) and Transitional Water (TW).
 • SY is the amount of natural groundwater present in the subbasins through seepage and percolation.
 • TW is excess groundwater being pumped from the subbasins; this decreases over time until it reaches zero.

How is my allocation calculated?
If your land has been irrigated prior to June 08, 2021 (Resolution 2021-069) then you will receive both SY and TW. If you decide to opt-in 'Never Irrigated' lands you are only eligible to receive SY for the irrigated acreage portion. Please see tables below.

Madera County GSA				Madera County GSA				Madera County GSA			
Madera Subbasin	Inches of ITAW			Chowchilla Subbasin	Inches of ITAW			Delta-Mendota Subbasin	Inches of ITAW		
Year	SY	TW	Total	Year	SY	TW	Total	Year	SY	TW	Total
2024	12.7	14.7	27.4	2024	7.1	18.4	25.5	2024	8.6	10.3	18.9
2025	12.7	14.4	27.1	2025	7.1	18.0	25.1	2025	8.6	10.3	18.9

What happens if I am under my allocation?
You will be able to carryover unused allocation to the following calendar year. Currently, carryover does not have any decay factor and/or expiration date.

What happens if I go over my allocation?
Currently, there are penalties in place for using water over the farm unit allocation. See the table for amounts per year.

Madera County GSA - Madera Subbasin			Madera County GSA - Chowchilla Subbasin			Madera County GSA - Delta-Mendota Subbasin			
Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty	Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty	Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty	Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty	Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty
2023	\$100 / AF	2023	\$100 / AF	2023	\$100 / AF	2023	\$100 / AF	2023	\$100 / AF
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2026	\$400 / AF	2026	\$400 / AF	2026	\$400 / AF	2026	\$400 / AF	2026	\$400 / AF
2027	\$100 / AF	2027	\$100 / AF	2027	\$100 / AF	2027	\$100 / AF	2027	\$100 / AF

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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
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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?

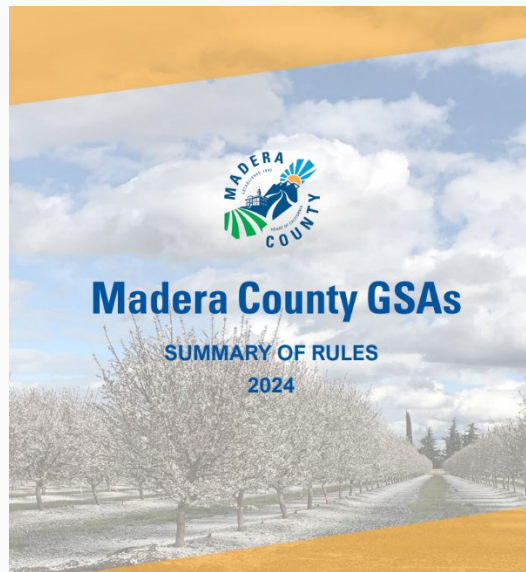
The program is voluntary yet recognizes that SGMA-related impacts have and will require many growers in Madera County to make land use changes. MLRP offers the opportunity for ag landowners to access state and other funding sources to proactively transition their land (or portion of their land) to a less water intensive use.







[Click on image to view full FAQs](#)



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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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