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**Madera Subbasin County GSA Rate Survey**

There is still time to submit your survey!

This is a reminder about the survey we recently sent to all farm units in the Madera County GSA within the Madera Subbasin, concerning project rates. You can complete the paper survey and mail it back to us, or you can scan it and email it to [WNR@maderacounty.com](mailto:WNR@maderacounty.com) by **August 31, 2024**.

This survey is part of a board-directed initiative discussed in our July meeting to analyze these rates. The survey builds on the 2022 rate study, with updated costs for the same projects.

At the link below, you will find:

- An informational video about the Alternatives

- A PowerPoint about the Alternatives
  - The Survey Mailer

[Alternatives - Madera County - Water & Natural Resources](#)  
[maderacountywater.com](http://maderacountywater.com)

We will share the survey results with the board of supervisors (serving as the GSA board of directors) at a meeting in September, along with the PowerPoint presentation linked above. No action will be taken at that meeting.

If you have any questions about the survey, the projects, or anything else, please let us know.



County of Madera  
Groundwater Sustainability  
200 W. 4th Street, Madera

## Dear Valued Farmer:

The Board of Supervisors (acting as the Board of Directors for the County GSA) is exploring ways to reduce your groundwater rates in the County GSA, Madera Subbasin, including pursuing grants, looking for alternative measures, and evaluating partnerships. If a temporary injunction on groundwater rates is lifted, the Board will assess a lower alternative rate for projects in addition to the GSA Admin Fee. Along with a potential alternative rate comes a smaller scale of projects and a corresponding reduction in expected 2040 allocations. A table of potential rates. All alternatives are subject to additional review. Please indicate your preferred alternative by tearing off and mailing the postcard back or taking a picture and emailing it to the address provided. Results of the study will be presented to the Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of Directors in September 2024.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Anagnoson  
Director of Water and Natural Resources

### Allocations at 2025 and 2040

|                | Approximate Rate (\$/acre) | Adopted Allocation In 2025 | Expected Allocation In 2040 |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adopted Rate   | \$246                      | 27 inches                  | 23 inches*                  |
| Alternative #1 | \$65                       | 27 inches                  | 13 inches                   |
| Alternative #2 | \$95                       | 27 inches                  | 15.5 inches                 |
| Alternative #3 | \$170                      | 27 inches                  | 18 inches                   |

\*Based on analysis accompanying the 2022 Rate Study and presented in the Looking Forward Public Workshop dated June 10, 2022

For more information on the alternatives, visit [MaderaCountyWater.com/Alternatives](https://MaderaCountyWater.com/Alternatives)

Please check the rate that most meets the needs of your farm unit in the Madera Subbasin. Please return the postcard (no postage needed) or as a scan to [WNR@maderacounty.com](mailto:WNR@maderacounty.com) by August 31, 2024.

- Adopted Rate:** This alternative covers costs for domestic well mitigation, an account for substantial recharge of water as available, extensive land repurposing, and significant recharge projects as documented in the 2022 Rate Study.
- Alternative #1:** This alternative covers costs for only domestic well mitigation.
- Alternative #2:** This alternative covers costs for domestic well mitigation, some purchases of water as available, limited land repurposing, and limited recharge.
- Alternative #3:** This alternative covers costs for domestic well mitigation, some purchases of water as available, limited land repurposing, and as much of the original recharge projects as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Chowchilla Subbasin August 2024 Revised GSP**

Friendly reminder that public comment period is still open and will end on **September 2, 2024**.

The Draft Plan can be accessed at  
<https://www.maderacountywater.com/chowchilla-subbasin/>.

# CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN AUGUST 2024 REVISED GSP

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD NOW OPEN

## AUGUST 2024 REVISED GSP

A copy of the revised GSP can be found at [www.maderacountywater.com/chowchilla-subbasin](http://www.maderacountywater.com/chowchilla-subbasin)

## SUBMIT COMMENTS

Comments on the revised GSP can be submitted via email to the Plan Manager at [dwelch@cwdwater.com](mailto:dwelch@cwdwater.com)

## PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The 30-day public review period **began on August 2, 2024 and will end on September 2, 2024.**

## GSP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**August 7, 2024 9:30 a.m.**  
**Chowchilla Water District**  
327 S. Chowchilla Blvd  
Chowchilla, CA

## GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) REVISIONS OVERVIEW

As of August 2024, the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Chowchilla Subbasin revised the Subbasin GSP on three occasions. Following is a brief summary of the revisions to various sections of the GSP.

### GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN JULY 2022

Addressed the potential deficiencies identified by DWR in their January 2022 report and discussed during five DWR consultation meetings between December 2021 and January 2022; summarized the progressive implementation actions taken by the GSAs since the adoption of the GSP in January 2020; recognized the Subbasin GSAs' clear and formal commitment to implement a Domestic Well Mitigation Program beginning no later than January 2022; and the execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU); and reaffirmed commitment to implementing the GSP and achieving sustainable groundwater conditions by 2030.

### GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN MAY 2023

Resolved the remaining deficiencies identified by DWR in their March 2023 report related to groundwater levels and subsidence through establishment of more stringent sustainable management criteria related to groundwater levels and subsidence in the Subbasin; reaffirmed commitment to upholding the Human Right to Water and to manage groundwater in the Subbasin for all beneficial uses and users; provided recognition of the launch and current status of the Domestic Well Mitigation Program; and the benefits of projects and management actions to all sustainability indicators. The GSP implementation will achieve sustainable groundwater conditions by 2030 as required by the SGMA.

### GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN AUGUST 2024

Amended the Domestic Well Mitigation Program to include mitigation for wells in the Chowchilla Management Zone; completed a groundwater infrastructure review and revised subsidence SMC; and developed a Domestic Well Mitigation Subsidence MOU.



Learn more about the Chowchilla GSP



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[August 2024 Revised GSP](#)

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## Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan (MALRP) Administrative Draft

The Madera County MALRP Administrative Draft is open for public comment.

Please send comments to Katie

Carlson [kcarlson@zanjeroams.com](mailto:kcarlson@zanjeroams.com) by **9/12/2024**.

The [MALRP Administrative Draft](#) can be accessed at  
<https://www.maderacountywater.com/multibenefit-land-repurposing-program/>.

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## CONTACT US

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

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