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Madera and Chowchilla Subbasin GSPs and Updates

2025 Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Amendment and Public Hearing

On January 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at their special meeting in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at the Madera County Government Center, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Plan 2025 Amendment. The Public hearing will also be live streamed on the [Madera County Board Meeting Portal](#).

The 2025 Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Amendment can be accessed at <https://www.maderacountywater.com/madera-subbasin/>

2025 Revised Chowchilla GSP Public Review Draft

CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN 2025 REVISED GSP

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OPEN AGAIN

2025 REVISED GSP	SUBMIT COMMENTS	PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD	ONLINE PUBLIC WORKSHOP
A copy of the revised GSP can be found at www.maderacountywater.com/chowchilla-subbasin	Comments on the revised GSP can be submitted via email to the Plan Manager at dwelch@cwdwater.com	The 30-day public review period began on January 15, 2025 and will end on February 17, 2025.	January 24, 2025 10 a.m. via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/68612920000?pwd=ZlRlcS7LG5LNbBwNA

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) REVISIONS OVERVIEW

As of January 2025, the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Chowchilla Subbasin have revised the Subbasin GSP on four occasions. Following is a brief summary of the revisions made through various sections of the GSP.

GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN JULY 2022	Addressed the potential deficiencies identified by DWR in their January 2022 consultation letter, and discussed during five DWR consultation meetings between December 2021 and May 2022; summarized the progressive implementation actions taken by the GSAs since submission of the GSP in January 2020; recognized the Subbasin GSAs' clear and formal commitment to fund and implement a Domestic Well Mitigation Program beginning no later than January 1, 2023, including the execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU); and reaffirmed commitment to implementing the GSP and achieving sustainable groundwater conditions by 2040.
GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN MAY 2023	Resolved the remaining deficiencies identified by DWR in their March 2023 consultation letter related to groundwater levels and subsidence through establishment of more conservative sustainable management criteria related to groundwater levels and subsidence rates in the Subbasin; reaffirmed commitment to upholding the Human Right to Water and to sustainably manage groundwater in the Subbasin for all beneficial uses and users; provided updates to recognize the launch and current status of the Domestic Well Mitigation Program in 2023; clarified the benefits of projects and management actions to all sustainability indicators; provided updates on further efforts to implement projects and management actions since July 2022; and reaffirmed GSP implementation will achieve sustainable groundwater conditions by 2040, in accordance with SGMA.
GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN AUGUST 2024	Amended the Domestic Well Mitigation Program to include mitigation for water quality; developed an MOU between the GSAs and the Chowchilla Management Zone; completed a detailed critical infrastructure review and revised subsidence SMC; and developed a Demand Management And Subsidence MOU.
GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN JANUARY 2025	Deleted "same" in the definition of an undesirable result for the Reduction of Groundwater Storage sustainability indicator, modified the Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels undesirable result definition slightly to add numerical values, added additional supporting language in the Revised GSP to further highlight a cap of 75 domestic wells impacted by groundwater level decline stemming from a downward revision of the interim milestones, and highlighted that a domestic well "trigger" is likely to be developed as part of preparing the Demand Management and Subsidence Mitigation Program that would trigger action ahead of reaching the cap.



Learn more about the Chowchilla GSP



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Online Public Workshop Zoom Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SHK05Q3ZRcS7LG5LNbBwNA

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