



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

March 2025

SGMA NEWS

2025 Revised Chowchilla GSP Public Hearing

On **March 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.**, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to discuss the adoption of the 2025 Revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Chowchilla Subbasin. This meeting will take place at the Madera County Government Center (200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637) in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers. The hearing will cover updates to address concerns raised by the State Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board. The Public hearing will also be live streamed on the [Madera County Board Meeting portal](#).



Application Deadline Extension for Madera MLRP

The application period has been extended to **March 31, 2025**, providing more time to applicants for technical assistance and to develop comprehensive project proposals.

If you have any questions pertaining to your project application, please reach out to your Technical Assistance point of contact directly. General questions about the Program and application process can be sent to mlrp@maderacounty.com.

As a reminder, approval of your pre-application was just an initial step toward developing a full project proposal. In order for your project to be scored and considered for MLRP funding, you must submit a complete Project Proposal Package prior to the March 31, 2025 deadline.

**Ongoing
Improvements
to the SGMA
Data Viewer**



As part of DWR's technical assistance to groundwater sustainability agencies, other water managers, and the public, DWR actively maintains the [SGMA Data](#)

[Viewer](#). The SGMA Data Viewer is an interactive mapping tool that provides access to groundwater-related datasets for the purpose of supporting groundwater sustainability plan development and implementation. Recent improvements to the mapping tool include the addition of a [Basin Characterization tab](#) that displays maps and datasets related to DWR's [Basin Characterization Program](#). Other improvements feature a variety of new maps, including an AEM Surficial Recharge Map, the locations of San Joaquin Basin Fluvial Fans, and a USGS Basement (elevation) map, among others.

FLOOD NEWS

Current Emergency Incidents

Ongoing emergency responses in California, including all 10+ acre wildfires.

80,543

Total Emergency Responses

398

Wildfires

57,665

Acres Burned

29

Fatalities:

Preliminary pending coroner confirmation

16,249

Structures Destroyed

Above are the statistics through mid-February - It is important to be ready for any type of emergency. Wildfires and Floods are very real in California.

Preventing floods requires a multi-faceted approach combining natural solutions, engineered defenses, community engagement, and sound planning. No single method is foolproof, and integrating multiple strategies is essential to achieve the best results.

Preventing wildfires from igniting is one of our most critical goals. You can

make a difference by following fire safety guidelines and spreading awareness in your community. Every action counts when it comes to protecting lives, homes, and the environment.

Here are some websites to go to for assistance information:

[Incidents | CAL FIRE](#)

Keep informed

[Essential Guide for Wildfire Evacuation Safety | CAL FIRE](#)

Be disaster ready (wildfire)

[Wildfires – Listos California](#)

Real time updates / stay safe and informed

[See real-time info | CA.gov](#)

Get emergency notifications

**Join a
Flood-MAR
Action Team**



The [Flood-MAR Action Teams](#) will be ramping up in the coming weeks. These teams emerged from discussions during the March 2023 quarterly Flood-MAR Network workshop and are collaborations of volunteers working to develop and advance specific products, projects, or initiatives over the next one to two years. The six teams comprise Estimating Recharge, Incentives for Flood-MAR, Water Quality Monitoring, Instream Flows, Assessing Policy, and Website. To join or learn of upcoming meetings and efforts, please inquire via email to floodmar.network@gmail.com. And don't forget to check out the March 5 [virtual Lunch-MAR session](#) beginning at noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE PRIVATE WELL
CLASS



The Private Well Class webinars are live enrichment sessions, in addition to the [main email course](#) material. They reinforce the topics in the email lessons with additional examples. The webinars are also the best opportunity to ask questions. Webinar registration is separate from enrollment in the email class. Both are free, but they are different. Also, register for any of our webinar dates separately.

Upcoming Webinar

Outreach Strategies for Working with Private Well Owners

March 12, 2025, 1pm Central

[Registration](#)

COVER CROP FIELD DAY

FIELD DEMONSTRATION, FARMER EXPERIENCE WITH HEALTHY SOILS PRACTICES

How do healthy soils impact sustainable use of water in irrigated agriculture?

Why is healthy soil important for an ecosystem?

How do cover crops contribute to long-term soil health?

1.5 INMP Credits!

About Our Event!

MARCH 13, 2025
10:00AM - 12:30 PM

9460 Avenue 25 1/2 Chowchilla CA 93610

PLEASE RSVP LUNCH AVAILABLE:

MADERA/CHOWCHILLA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE WITH FAMILY FARMERS

Contact us 626-483-1345 Website <https://maderachowchillarcd.org/cover-crops-registration/>

The Madera/Chowchilla RCD (MCRCD) and Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) will be hosting a Cover Crop Field Day event on March 13th from 10AM-12:30PM, lunch will be provided! Topics include how healthy soils impact sustainable use of water in irrigated agriculture, why healthy soils are important for an ecosystem, and how cover crops contribute to long-term soil health. 1.5 INMP credits will be provided.

RSVP is required, you can register here for the workshop event: <https://maderachowchillarcd.org/cover-crops-registration/>



LOG IN TODAY FOR CA TREE SCHOOL! OAKHURST SESSION

Grow your forest stewardship skills with a day of learning led by forestry and fire experts from UC ANR and across California.

CA Tree School 2025 is presented by:



Join UC ANR for CA Tree School – Oakhurst Session

Enhance your forest stewardship skills with a one-day learning experience led by forestry and fire experts from University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and across California. The CA Tree School is designed for landowners, students, and community members interested in forest health, wildfire resilience, and natural resource management.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Location: Yosemite Adult School, Oakhurst, CA

Registration Fee: \$70 (Scholarships available upon request)

EXPLORE FOUNDATIONAL FORESTRY CONCEPTS

California Tree School is a one-day, mini-college experience.

TAKE 4 CLASSES OF YOUR CHOICE on forest inventory, native plants, fire ecology, and more.

CONNECT WITH UC ANR ADVISORS and natural resource organizations.

FOR LANDOWNERS, STUDENTS, AND THE COMMUNITY!

CA Tree School has classes for all forest enthusiasts, beginners and experts. Come one, come all! *CA Tree School is for ages 15+.*

LEARN MORE AT ucanr.edu/CATreeSchool.



EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday April 12, 2025

WHERE: Yosemite Adult School, Oakhurst CA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$70

Scholarships available by request.

Contact: kcingram@ucanr.edu



REGISTER TODAY!

OTHER NEWS



The flyer features a collage of images: students in a field, a student in a classroom, and a graduation cap with money. The text is set against a dark green background with white and light green accents.

MCFB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Madera County Farm Bureau is offering multiple scholarships for graduating seniors who reside in Madera County and are looking to pursue a career in agriculture or are the child of parents who are agricultural laborers.

OUR PROGRAM:

- ✓ \$2,000-\$2,500/year
- ✓ Given over 4 years totaling \$8,000-\$10,000
- ✓ DUE MARCH 4, 2025

APPLY NOW!

MADERA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

CONTACT US
www.maderafb.com
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The Madera County Farm Bureau is excited to announce that our 2025 scholarship application is open! Please see below for additional information. The application can be found by clicking the button under the flyer, scanning the QR or by visiting our website

<https://maderafb.com/scholarship-application/>

Applications DUE MARCH 4th!

If you have any questions, please contact the MCFB Office by phone or email

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office@maderafb.com

[Madera County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program](#)

Broadcast Journalist Talks About



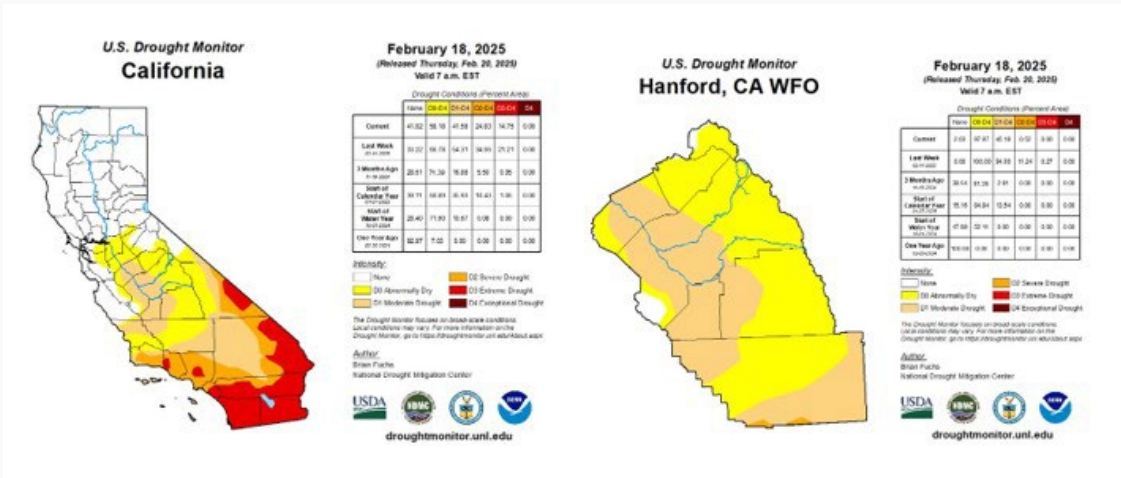
Covering Central Valley Agriculture

TV reporter Dale Yurong has worked for [ABC30](#) in Fresno, where he is now an anchor, since his college graduation in 1983. Yurong covers Central Valley agriculture in regular segments called “Ag Watch.” He also hosts “[Valley Grown](#),” a 30-minute agriculture-focused special that runs quarterly, and a weekly “Dine and Dish” segment about local restaurants. Yurong spoke with [California Bountiful Magazine](#), which is published by California Farm Bureau, about covering food and farming in the Central Valley.

**New Dry Domestic
Well Susceptibility
Tool Now Available**



Working with the [State Water Resources Control Board](#), [DWR](#) has developed the Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility Tool, an interactive mapping tool that identifies areas within groundwater basins throughout California that may be prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. The tool is housed on the [California's Groundwater Live](#), a website containing the latest information and data on groundwater conditions across the state. To use this tool, visit [California's Groundwater Live](#) and click the [Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility](#) tab. The [California Natural Resources Agency website](#) offers a [fact sheet](#) to learn more about this mapping tool, as well as information on DWR's Dry Well Reporting System.



[Click for more information about the California Drought](#)

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.

