



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

# **JULY 2025**



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### **MADERA SUBBASIN - DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION FEE**

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Yesterday on July 15, 2025, the Board of Directors for the Madera County GSA approved a fee of \$59/enrolled acre to fund part of a Domestic Well Mitigation Program in the Madera Subbasin ([Resolution 2025-067](#)). Program details will be shared as they evolve for public comment.

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## MEASUREMENT

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The satellite measurement contracts with Hydrosat (previously called Irrigate) and Land IQ are up at the end of the 2025 year. Please use this link to watch the video presentations on satellite measurement and groundwater platform options presented at the last GSA Committee Meeting on 07/01/2025. [Vendor presentations](#) begin at the **17 minute mark**.

Be on the lookout for a questionnaire regarding measurement methods that will be coming in the mail. We would appreciate your feedback. Please visit our [website](#) to view the vendor proposals.

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## COUNTY GSA COMMITTEE MEETING

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In case you missed the County GSA Committee meeting on July 1, 2025, the recording and agenda packet are available on the [Board meeting portal](#). Information can also be found on the [County GSA Committee](#) webpage. The next County GSA Committee meeting will be held on **August 5, 2025** and more details will be shared soon.

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## INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

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### Agave Distillery Program

Madera Community College is developing an Agave Distillery Program to support regional agriculture and workforce development, and we are seeking

input from local farmers like you, especially those currently growing or considering agave. We invite you to join the advisory board to review and help shape the program's curriculum, ensuring it meets industry needs and supports the success of agave growers in the Central Valley. If you're interested in participating or learning more, please contact Dr. Angel Reyna directly at [angel.reyna@maderacollege.edu](mailto:angel.reyna@maderacollege.edu)

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### **Agave Survey**

The University of California, Davis through the Department of Land, Air, and Water Resources and the University of California, Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources (Cooperative Extension) extends an invitation to California agave farmers and agave processors to participate in this survey that will create a baseline diagnostic of the agave production in California. [https://ucdavis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cIR2CgYb5A8fiVE](https://ucdavis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cIR2CgYb5A8fiVE)

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### **Spring 2025 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update**

DWR recently released the [Spring 2025 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update](#). Made up of groundwater data gathered over the past year from various DWR tools and annual reports from local GSAs, the Update includes information on statewide groundwater levels, groundwater storage, recharge, land subsidence, well infrastructure and the status of California's groundwater conditions. The Update also summarizes groundwater conditions in the first five years of SGMA implementation since GSAs submitted their initial GSPs.

**Table 5:** WY 2024 Groundwater Extraction per Area by Basin. Top 10 basins ranked by volume per acre of basin area (as shown in **Figure 10**). Extraction values based on data reported through 2024 GSP/Alternative annual reports as of 4/3/2025.

<b>Basin Name</b> (Top 10 ranked by groundwater extraction per area)	<b>Basin Number</b>	<b>Groundwater Extraction per Area (AF/Acre)</b>	<b>Total Groundwater Extraction (AF)</b>	<b>Basin Area (Acres)</b>
San Joaquin Valley - Chowchilla	5-022.05	<b>1.76</b>	256,000	145,574
San Joaquin Valley - Madera	5-022.06	<b>1.54</b>	536,400	347,667
Santa Clara River Valley - Fillmore	4-004.05	<b>1.51</b>	34,036	22,586
San Pasqual Valley	9-010	<b>1.51</b>	5,293	3,498
Salinas Valley - East Side Aquifer	3-004.02	<b>1.41</b>	81,180	57,474
San Joaquin Valley - Kaweah	5-022.11	<b>1.32</b>	580,400	441,048
Coastal Plain Of Orange County	8-001	<b>1.29</b>	288,226	224,226
San Joaquin Valley - Kings	5-022.08	<b>1.28</b>	1,256,556	981,323
Salinas Valley - Forebay Aquifer	3-004.04	<b>1.26</b>	118,140	94,052
Sacramento Valley - Vina	5-021.57	<b>1.21</b>	223,500	184,917

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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](mailto:ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com), visit our [website](#), or [schedule an appointment](#).



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