

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF MADERA  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES  
FOR THE MADERA, CHOWCHILLA, AND DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASINS**

In the Matter of	)	Resolution No.: <u>2025 - 085</u>
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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY	)	RESOLUTION ADOPTING
AGENCIES	)	GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION
	)	AMOUNTS FOR
	)	2026 THROUGH 2040
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**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA"), was signed into law on September 14, 2014;

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA" or "GSAs"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs;

**WHEREAS**, SGMA provides GSAs with the authority and the technical and financial framework necessary to sustainably manage groundwater, and a GSA has the powers conferred in SGMA to provide the maximum degree of local control and flexibility consistent with the sustainability goals of SGMA;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Madera ("County") is the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins that are in unincorporated areas of Madera County, and not otherwise covered by another public agency ("County GSAs"), and the Board of Supervisors is the ex officio Board of Directors for the County GSAs;

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**WHEREAS**, the Director of the County Department of Water and Natural Resources manages the day-to-day operations of the County GSAs (“GSA manager”);

**WHEREAS**, under SGMA, a GSA has the authority to limit extractions from groundwater wells, establish groundwater extraction allocations, and authorize temporary and permanent transfers of groundwater extraction allocations, and a GSA may adopt rules, regulations, ordinances, and resolutions to further these ends;

**WHEREAS**, the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins have been and currently are in a state of overdraft, with groundwater extractions exceeding recharge, and the GSAs determined that demand management is needed;

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2020, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2020-166, adopting a Groundwater Allocation Approach;

**WHEREAS**, on June 8, 2021, the County GSA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2021-069, establishing rules for farm unit allocations including carryover allocations for 2020-2025;

**WHEREAS**, on August 17, 2021, the County GSA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2021-113, making refinements to the allocations;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the Groundwater Allocation Approach, and consistent with the intent of the program at the time the Groundwater Allocation Approach was first adopted, the County GSA has calculated a per acre allocation of sustainable yield and transitional water for each County GSA for 2026-2040 based on best available data, and such calculations are contained in the tables (“Tables”) that are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 (action of regulatory agency to protect natural resources), 15308 (action of a regulatory agency to protect the environment), and 15061(b)(3) (the "common sense" exemption where a project is exempt if it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors for the County GSA in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins, as follows:

1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a substantive part of this Resolution.
2. A true and correct copy of the Tables is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the Tables are hereby approved and adopted.
3. The Director of the County Department of Water and Natural Resources ("Department Director") is hereby authorized and directed to take all measures in furtherance of, and consistent with, this Resolution.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER

2025, by the following vote:



Director Wamhoff voted:	<u>yes</u>
Director Rogers voted:	<u>absent</u>
Director Poythress voted:	<u>absent</u>
Director Gonzalez voted:	<u>yes</u>
Director Macaulay voted:	<u>yes</u>

[Signature]  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved as to Legal Form  
COUNTY COUNSEL

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# **EXHIBIT A**



## Exhibit A

### Madera Subbasin, Madera County GSA

Madera County GSA: Madera Subbasin							
Year	GSA Allocations (af/yr)		Per-Acre Allocation (Inches/ac/yr)				
	SY	TW	B-SY	Re-SY	TW	Total for Irr.	Total Non-irr.
2020	90,000	113,000	6	6.7	16.0	28.7	0
2021		110,740			15.6	28.3	0
2022		108,480			15.3	28.0	0
2023		106,220			15.0	27.7	0
2024		103,960			14.7	27.4	0
2025		101,700			14.4	27.1	0
2026		94,920			12.9	25.2	0
2027		88,140			12.0	24.3	0
2028		81,360			11.1	23.4	0
2029		74,580			10.2	22.5	0
2030		67,800	9.2	21.5	0		
2031		61,020	8.3	20.6	0		
2032		54,240	7.4	19.7	0		
2033		47,460	6.5	18.8	0		
2034		40,680	5.5	17.8	0		
2035		33,900	4.6	16.9	0		
2036		27,120	3.7	16.0	0		
2037		20,340	2.8	15.1	0		
2038		13,560	1.8	14.1	0		
2039		6,780	0.9	13.2	0		
2040	0	0.0	12.3	0			
Irrigated Ac. 2020 to 2025 = 85,000			Can access B-SY, Re-SY and TW				
Irrigated Ac. 2026 to 2040 = 88,154							
Non-Irr. Opt-In acres = 0			Can access only B-SY and Re-SY				
Total GSA acres = 185,000							
<b>Per-Acre Allocation Terms:</b>							
<b>Base Sustainable Yield (B-SY)</b> - the quantity of sustainable yield of native groundwater when shared equally over all GSA acres at 6 in/ac/yr.							
<b>Re-allocated Sustainable Yield (Re-SY)</b> - the amount of Base Sustainable Yield remaining when considering GSA parcels that have chosen to opt-out. The quantity is divided and shared equally among the remaining opt-in parcels and added to the Base Sustainable Yield, estimated at 3 in/ac/yr.							
<b>Transition Water (TW)</b> - the annual quantity available to irrigated or non-irrigated lands. This quantity will decrease annually until zero. "Never-irrigated" lands are not eligible for Transition Water.							





Exhibit A (continued)

Chowchilla Subbasin, Madera County GSA

Madera County GSA: Chowchilla Subbasin							
Year	GSA Allocations (af/yr)		Per-Acre Allocation (Inches/ac/yr)				
	SY	TW	B-SY	Re-SY	TW	Total for Irr.	Total Non-irr.
2020	22,500	63,400	6	1.1	20.0	27.1	0
2021		62,132			19.6	26.7	0
2022		60,864			19.2	26.3	0
2023		59,596			18.8	25.9	0
2024		58,328			18.4	25.5	0
2025		57,060			18.0	25.1	0
2026		53,256			16.8	23.9	0
2027		49,452			15.6	22.7	0
2028		45,648			14.4	21.5	0
2029		41,844			13.2	20.3	0
2030		38,040	12.0	19.1	0		
2031		34,236	10.8	17.9	0		
2032		30,432	9.6	16.7	0		
2033		26,628	8.4	15.5	0		
2034		22,824	7.2	14.3	0		
2035		19,020	6.0	13.1	0		
2036		15,216	4.8	11.9	0		
2037		11,412	3.6	10.7	0		
2038		7,608	2.4	9.5	0		
2039		3,804	1.2	8.3	0		
2040	0	0.0	7.1	0			
Irrigated Ac. 2020 to 2025 =			38,000	Can access B-SY, Re-SY and TW			
Irrigated Ac. 2026 to 2040 =			0	Can access only B-SY and Re-SY			
Non-Irr. Opt-in acres =			0				
Total GSA acres =			45,000				
<b>Per-Acre Allocation Terms:</b>							
<b>Base Sustainable Yield (B-SY)</b> - the quantity of sustainable yield of native groundwater when shared equally over all GSA acres at 6 in/ac/yr.							
<b>Re-allocated Sustainable Yield (Re-SY)</b> - the amount of Base Sustainable Yield remaining when considering GSA parcels that have chosen to opt-out. The quantity is divided and shared equally among the remaining opt-in parcels and added to the Base Sustainable Yield, estimated at 0.5 in/ac/yr.							
<b>Transition Water (TW)</b> - the annual quantity available to irrigated or non-irrigated lands. This quantity will decrease annually until zero. "Never-irrigated" lands are not eligible for Transition Water.							





Exhibit A continued

Delta-Mendota Subbasin, Madera County GSA

Madera County GSA: Delta Mendota Subbasin							
Year	GSA Allocations (af/yr)		Per-Acre Allocation (Inches/ac/yr)				
	SY	TW	B-SY	Re-SY	TW	Total for Irr.	Total Non-irr.
2020	1,500	2,000	6	2.6	11.4	20.0	0
2021		1,960			11.2	19.8	0
2022		1,920			11.0	19.6	0
2023		1,880			10.7	19.3	0
2024		1,840			10.5	19.1	0
2025		1,800			10.3	18.9	0
2026		1,680			17.2	32.5	0
2027		1,560			16.0	31.3	0
2028		1,440			14.7	30.0	0
2029		1,320			13.5	28.8	0
2030		1,200	12.3	27.6	0		
2031		1,080	11.0	26.3	0		
2032		960	9.8	25.1	0		
2033		840	8.6	23.9	0		
2034		720	7.4	22.7	0		
2035		600	6.1	21.4	0		
2036		480	4.9	20.2	0		
2037		360	3.7	19.0	0		
2038		240	2.5	17.8	0		
2039		120	1.2	16.5	0		
2040	0	0.0	15.3	0			
Irrigated Ac. 2020 to 2025 = 2,100			Can access B-SY, Re-SY and TW				
Irrigated Ac. 2026 to 2040 = 1,174							
Non-Irr. Opt-in acres = 0			Can access only B-SY and Re-SY				
Total GSA acres = 3,300							
<b>Per-Acre Allocation Terms:</b>							
<b>Base Sustainable Yield (B-SY)</b> - the quantity of sustainable yield of native groundwater when shared equally over all GSA acres at 6 in/ac/yr.							
<b>Re-allocated Sustainable Yield (Re-SY)</b> - the amount of Base Sustainable Yield remaining when considering GSA parcels that have chosen to opt-out. The quantity is divided and shared equally among the remaining opt-in parcels and added to the Base Sustainable Yield, estimated at 2.6 in/ac/yr.							
<b>Transition Water (TW)</b> - the annual quantity available to irrigated or non-irrigated lands. This quantity will decrease annually until zero. "Never-irrigated" lands are not eligible for Transition Water.							

