



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

# **SEPTEMBER 2025**



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### **2026 - 2040 ALLOCATIONS**

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On September 9, 2025, the Board of Directors for the Madera County GSA adopted the groundwater allocation amounts for 2026 through 2040. Please see [Resolution 2025 -085](#) for more details.

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# MADERA SUBBASIN - DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION FEE

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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 only ([Resolution 2025-067](#)). This is not a tax. The program is anticipated to begin January 2026. Program details will be shared as they evolve for public comment.

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## 2025 SUMMARY OF RULES BOOKLET

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We are happy to announce that the [2025 Summary of Rules Booklet](#) is now available. Hard copies were sent out via mail. Additional copies are available in our office and [online](#).



# GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING PLATFORM WEBINAR

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Save the date!

A groundwater accounting platform webinar has been scheduled with the three accounting platforms that were identified as the top selections in the July measurement questionnaire. This webinar will be held on [Zoom](#) on **October 3, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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## COUNTY GSA COMMITTEE MEETING

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In case you missed the County GSA Committee meeting on September 2, 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 **October 7, 2025** and more details will be shared soon.

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## INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT OFFICE

**Public Comment Period Opens for a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for  
the Chowchilla Subbasin**

A modified groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the Chowchilla Subbasin (Subbasin) that has recently been submitted to the Department of Water Resources (Department) is now posted on the [SGMA Portal](#). This basin was returned to the Department's jurisdiction by the State Water Resources Control Board on June 6, 2025. The 2025 GSP will be reviewed by the Department and public comments will be considered as part of the review. The status of the Subbasin in the SGMA Portal will remain *Inadequate – Under Review* until the Department issues its new determination following the completion of the review.

A 75-day public comment period is being held for the GSP. In the table below is a link to the submitted GSP, counties it covers, and the public comment period end date. Information about how to comment can be found in a public comment fact sheet, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. A SGMA Portal account is not necessary to submit comments.

| Basin                      | Local ID (if applicable) | County Covered   | Public Comment Period End Date |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Chowchilla</a> | N/A                      | Madera<br>Merced | 9/28/2025                      |

[Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\) Portal - Department of Water Resources](#)

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## NRCS California's Conservation Funding Assistance Deadline for Producers

DAVIS, Calif., September 11, 2025 - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in California announces Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026) federal assistance opportunities for agricultural producers, including through the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP), the [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP), and the [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#) (ACEP). While NRCS

accepts applications for these programs year-round, interested applicants should apply no later than November 21, 2025, for the application cutoff period.

Applications are currently being accepted through November 21, 2025, at 8:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

“EQIP, CSP, and ACEP are amazing tools that empower our producers to turn their conservation plans into action to protect our land and natural resources. They are how NRCS partners with producers to Keep Farmers Farming,” said California State Conservationist Carlos Suarez.

Application cutoff periods allow NRCS to screen and rank applications for those with the highest conservation benefits across California’s landscapes, including cropland, ranchlands, and private non-industrial forestlands. Additional signups may be announced at later dates.

### [More Information](#)

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## CONTACT US

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