



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

JANUARY 2026



SGMA NEWS

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

Madera County
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
(in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins)
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

MEETING LOCATION
Madera County Government Center
200 W. 4th Street, Madera CA 93637
Board of Supervisors Chambers

Notice is hereby given that the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Committee Meeting of January 6, 2026 is CANCELLED.
No meeting will be held on this date.

The next regular meeting will be held
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Madera County GSAs Allocation FAQ

What is an allocation?

An allocation is a water budget made available to agricultural water users within the Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). Over time, the allocated water budget will decrease to sustainable levels.

Who has an allocation?

There are allocations for irrigated acres within the Madera County GSAs in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins.

What makes up an allocation?

Allocations are made up of two types of water. Sustainable Yield (SY) and Transitional Water (TW).

- SY is the amount of natural groundwater present in the subbasins through seepage and percolation.
- TW is excess groundwater being pumped from the subbasins; this decreases over time until it reaches zero.

How is my allocation calculated?

If your land has been irrigated prior to June 08, 2021 (Resolution 2021-069) then you will receive both SY and TW. If you decide to opt-in "Never Irrigated" lands you are only eligible to receive SY for the irrigated acreage portion. Please see tables below.

Madera County GSA				Madera County GSA				Madera County GSA			
Madera Subbasin	Inches of ETAW			Chowchilla Subbasin	Inches of ETAW			Delta-Mendota Subbasin	Inches of ETAW		
Year	SY	TW	Total	Year	SY	TW	Total	Year	SY	TW	Total
2026	12.3	12.9	25.2	2026	7.1	16.8	23.9	2026	15.3	17.2	32.5
2027	12.3	12.0	24.3	2027	7.1	15.6	22.7	2027	15.3	16.0	31.3
2028	12.3	11.1	23.4	2028	7.1	14.4	21.5	2028	15.3	14.7	30.0
2029	12.3	10.2	22.5	2029	7.1	13.2	20.3	2029	15.3	13.5	28.8
2030	12.3	9.2	21.5	2030	7.1	12.0	19.1	2030	15.3	12.3	27.6

What happens if I am under my allocation?

You will be able to carryover unused allocation to the following calendar year. Currently, carryover does not have any decay factor and/or expiration date.

What happens if I go over my allocation?

Currently, there are penalties in place for using water over the farm unit allocation.

See the table for amounts per year.

Madera County GSA			Madera County GSA			Madera County GSA		
Madera Subbasin	Resolution 2021-145		Chowchilla Subbasin	Resolution 2022-143		Delta-Mendota Subbasin	Resolution 2023-144	
Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty		Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty	Additional Penalty	Year	Amount Over the Farm Unit Allocation Penalty	
2023	\$100 / AF		2023	\$100 / AF	\$1000/Farm Unit	2023	\$100 / AF	
2024	\$200 / AF		2024	\$200 / AF	\$1000/Farm Unit	2024	\$200 / AF	
2025	\$300 / AF		2025	\$300 / AF	\$1000/Farm Unit	2025	\$300 / AF	
2026	\$400 / AF		2026	\$400 / AF	\$1000/Farm Unit	2026	\$400 / AF	
2027	\$500 / AF		2027	\$500 / AF	\$1000/Farm Unit	2027	\$500 / AF	



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For more information on the 2026-2040 Allocations in the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta Mendota Subbasins please see [Resolution 2025-085](#).

FLOOD

2025/2026 Sandbag Locations



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner

Emergency Sand and Sand Bag Locations 2025-2026

(Revised 10-14-2025)

Below is the list of locations that have sand and sandbags available for residents, depending on where they live. For all locations, you must bring your own shovels. The County has a limited supply of Sandbags. If you need additional sandbags, you can purchase them at a local hardware store. Some locations do not have sandbags. Please refer to the table to determine which locations have bags and which do not.

Please go to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) YouTube page for directions to properly filling and placing of sandbags. <https://youtu.be/H-aQ0bE1kwM>

For additional Winter Weather Information, such as knowing weather terms, preparing, and safety tips, go to <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>.

Madera County Valley Locations

Name	Address	Sand	Bags
Madera County Fire Station #1	Between the Fire Station and Fire Administration (14225 Road 28, Madera, CA 93638)	✓	✓
Madera County Fire Station #3	21205 Road 26 Madera, CA 93638 559-661-0507	✓	✓
Madera County Fire Station #19	35141 Bonadelle Avenue, Madera, CA 93638 559-645-1399	✓	✓

Madera County Mountain Locations

Name	Address / Location Details	Sand	Bags
Madera County Fire Station #8	47050 Road 417, Coarsegold, CA 93614 559-683-8008	✓	✓
Madera County Fire Station #11	33400 Douglas Ranger Station Road, North Fork, CA 93643 559-877-2600	✓	✓
Madera County Fire Station #12	48355 Liberty Drive, Oakhurst, CA 93644 559-683-4808	✓	✓

☎ (559) 675-7770

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City of Chowchilla Locations

Sand and Sandbag Sites are for City Residents Only.

Name	Address / Location Details	Sand	Bags
Chowchilla Public Works Yard	360 North 1 st Street (@ Sonoma Avenue), Chowchilla, CA 93610	✓	✗
Chowchilla City Hall	130 South 2 nd Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610 Hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 4pm	✗	✓
Chowchilla Police Department	122 Trinity Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610 Hours: After City Hall Business Hours Only	✗	✓

City of Madera Locations

Please go to the City of Madera's website for up-to-date information. Sand and Sandbag Sites are for City Residents Only.

<https://www.madera.gov/news-item/flood-preparedness-and-sandbag-locations/>

Name	Address / Location Details	Sand	Bags
Madera Public Works Corporation Yard	1030 South Gateway Drive, Madera, CA 93637	✗	✓
City of Madera Sand Locations	Northwest Corner of "E" Street & 14 th Street, Madera, CA 93637 (across the railroad tracks from the Public Works Corporation Yard)	✓	✗

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For more information

[Office of Emergency Services | Madera County](#)

EVENTS



Lunch-MAR
from
Flood MAR

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 12:30PM -1:30PM PT

Co-Location Solar With Ground Water Recharge and other Water Infrastructure

Presenter: Evan Riley, White Pine Renewables

Please register and attend using the link below and delete any existing calendar notices for the January Lunch-MAR session.

https://stantec.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bSLBek8BSIOqoxXMQna3bA

FRESNO STATE | Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

Smart Farm University Project

Flowing into the New Season

Free educational workshop series on farm: irrigation systems, pH balancing, and NRCS programs.

January 09:
Revisiting Irrigation Systems

January 16:
Balancing Irrigation pH

January 30:
USDA | NRCS Programs

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Fluyendo hacia la Nueva Temporada

Serie de talleres educativos gratuitos en la granja: sistemas de riego, balanceo de pH y programas del NRCS.

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IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS



TO REGISTER:

CONTACT OR SCAN QR CODE:

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JANUARY 20TH, 2026

8:45-11:00 A.M

MADERA COUNTY FARM
BUREAU 1102 S PINE ST
MADERA, CA 93637

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- CONSERVATION PLANNING
- GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
- IRRIGATION DATA & SCHEDULING
- MAINTENANCE FOR EFFICIENCY

PENDING CCA & CDEA INMP
CREDITS!

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OTHER NEWS

Apply Now

Conservation Programs

Program Application Cut-off: January 15, 2026

Contact your local field office now to apply for the following
USDA NRCS programs:

- **EQIP** (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)
- **CSP** (Conservation Stewardship Program)
- **ACEP** (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)



Why Apply?

- Support your conservation goals
- Access financial and technical assistance
- Strengthen your land for future generations

Application Cut-off:
January 15, 2026



For more information:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/regenerative-pilot-program/news/usda-announces-january-15-national-batching>

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

NRCS Programs Link:

[Service Center Locator](#) | [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

THE PRIVATE WELL
CLASS

Partners
AN OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

This Free Class offers an Introduction for Well Users:

- **Learn how to care for your well**

Understand what to do (and what not to do) when it comes to using private well water.

- **Ensure a safe water supply**

Find out what to test for, why, and how often to protect your family from contamination.

- **Extend the life of your well**

Discover best practices for maintenance to protect your financial investment.

[Enroll in Class Here](#)



ATTENTION!

If your well is experiencing production problems or if you have lost access to drinking water, please contact **Self-Help Enterprises**. **Self-Help Enterprises** is a non-government organization that specializes in providing emergency drinking water and interim services.

For long-term assistance please complete the **Self-Help Enterprises** intake form for water sustainability at:


Self-Help Enterprises

(559) 802-1685
droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org
8445 W. Elowin Court
Visalia, CA 93291
<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/programs/emergency-services/water-sustainability/>

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.

