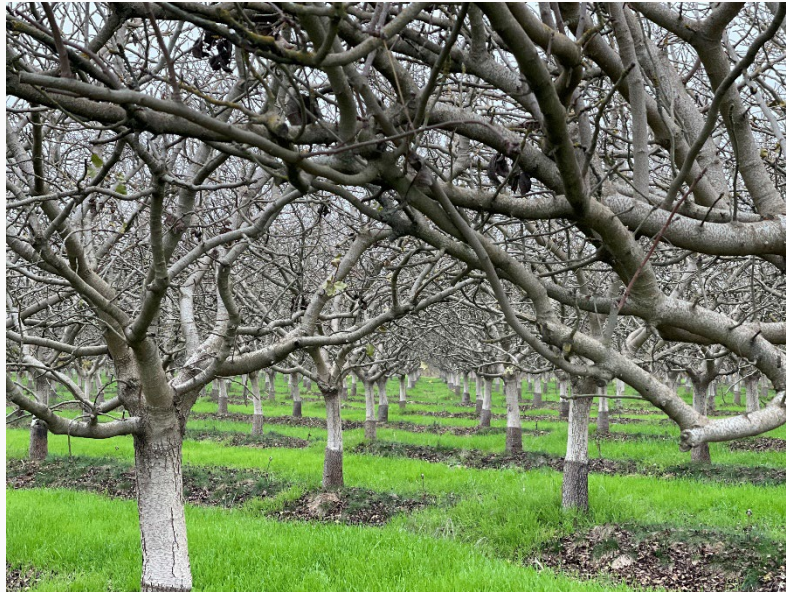




WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS FOR GROWERS IN THE MADERA COUNTY GSAs

DECEMBER 2025



COUNTY GSA COMMITTEE MEETING

Please be advised that due to IT renovations in the Board Chambers, there will be no January 2025 Madera County GSA Committee Meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 03, 2026.**



Committee Members
Leticia Gonzalez
Robert Macaulay

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



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[Notice of Cancellation - MC GSA](#)

Madera County GSA Committee meeting recordings and agenda packets can be viewed on the [Board meeting portal](#).
Information can also be found on the [County GSA Committee](#) webpage.

MADERA SUBBASIN: DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION PROGRAM

On December 09, 2025, the Board of Directors adopted [Resolution 2025-141](#) establishing rules and eligibility criteria for implementing the Domestic Well Mitigation Program in the Madera Subbasin, Madera County GSA.

More information can be found on our [Domestic Well Mitigation Program - Madera Subbasin](#) webpage.

MEASUREMENT METHOD

The Hydrosat (formerly Irriwatch) and Land IQ contracts are set to expire at the end of 2025. Based on feedback received through a grower questionnaire and following a comprehensive public request for proposals (RFP) process, the Board of Directors approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Hydrosat to provide remote sensing services for the Madera County GSAs on December 09, 2025.

Please visit our [measurement](#) webpage for more information.

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES



The Agricultural Water Center at UC Davis is conducting a research survey to understand current perspectives and decision-making related to **winter cover cropping in California pistachio orchards**. We are inviting growers, farm managers, and crop advisors/consultants to participate.

The survey is **anonymous**, **voluntary**, and takes **about 15–20 minutes** to complete. Results will help support future research and outreach efforts in

the pistachio industry.

Please scan or click the QR code below to begin the survey:



IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS



JANUARY 20TH, 2026

8:45-11:00 A.M

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

TO REGISTER:

CONTACT OR SCAN QR CODE:

KEVIN REYES (559) 755-5148
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TOPICS INCLUDE:

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

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CREDITS!

The Madera/Chowchilla RCD is hosting an Irrigation & Nutrient Management Workshop on **Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, from 8:45 A.M-11:00 A.M.**

Please click the flyer or scan the QR code to register.

Visit the [Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District](https://www.maderachowchillarcddistrict.org/) website for more information.

FAQ RESOURCES

2026-2040 Allocation Information

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 2022-145	Chowchilla Subbasin	Resolution 2022-143		Delta-Mendota Subbasin	Resolution 2022-144
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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Click on image to see full flyer.

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

2026 OPT-IN ENROLLMENT

Letters have been sent out to landowners who have parcels classified as Never Irrigated in the Madera County GSA. Landowners who have parcels classified as Never Irrigated and intend to use groundwater for irrigated agriculture in 2026 will need to notify the County GSAs by **December 30, 2025**.

Please keep an eye out for the letter as it contains more information on this process. Approved parcels will be allocated a sustainable yield and come with associated fees and reporting requirements.

SURFACE WATER CREDITS

We are accepting surface water usage documentation for 2025. In order to obtain surface water credits please reach out to your Water Resources Specialist for more information on the documents required to be submitted to the Madera County GSAs for review.

FALLOW FIELD VISITS

Did you know if your field is fallow (for the full calendar year), we can zero it out to make sure ETAW is not picked up?
Please reach out to your Water Resources Specialist.

CONTACT US

For questions, please contact your Water Resources Specialist directly, call us at (559) 662-8015, email ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com, visit our [website](#), or [schedule an appointment](#).



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