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SGMA NEWS

COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) COMMITTEE MEETING

The next County GSA Committee meeting will be held on **February 3, 2026 at 1:30pm**, and more details will be shared soon. The recordings and agenda packets from past meetings are available on the [Board meeting portal](#). Information can also be found on the [County GSA Committee](#) webpage.

The Madera County GSA Committee, consisting of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Madera County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

The purpose of this committee is to receive public input on the County GSA items. This is a public meeting, and all are welcome to join.

DWR Finalizes Best Management Practices on Managing Land Subsidence in California

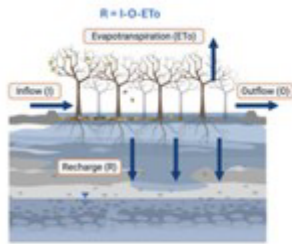


The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released a [final Best Management Practices \(BMP\) document](#) that will serve as a guide for groundwater managers on the basics of subsidence, how to best manage it, and available technical assistance. The document will also help local agencies meet objectives set by the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#) to avoid or minimize current and future impacts of subsidence. For more information about this document, how subsidence is impacting Californians, and additional groundwater information, see the following resources:

- [Press Release \(January 21, 2026\)](#)
- [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#)
- [DWR's SGMA Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents webpage](#)
- [Subsidence webpage](#) and [Subsidence 101 Factsheet](#)
- [What is Subsidence and How Does it Impact the Ground Beneath Our Feet \(June 2025\)](#)

For general inquiries about the Best Management Practices document or other programmatic topics, please contact: sgmps@water.ca.gov.

FLOOD



New Factsheet explains estimating Groundwater Recharge from Flood-MAR Network

The Flood-MAR Network's Estimating Recharge Action Team has created a [Groundwater Recharge Estimation factsheet](#). The factsheet serves to provide landowners and groundwater sustainability agencies with some simple approaches for estimating recharge *and* for collecting data that will be most beneficial for improving those estimates of recharge moving forward. The factsheet presents recharge estimate options to employ and walks the reader through the recharge estimation process. The Flood-MAR Network strives to improve water availability, flood risk reduction, and groundwater recharge to sustain communities and ecosystems through Flood-MAR implementation. To learn more about Flood-MAR, visit the [Flood-MAR Hub's website](#).

EVENTS



Lunch-MAR from Flood MAR

[Next week's Lunch-MAR](#) will be on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Registration is not required to attend.

"Accelerating Soil Health and Sustainable Agricultural Productivity with Realtime Data" is the title of next week's [Lunch-MAR](#) meeting. This presentation will feature Kathleen Glass from [AquaSpy](#), an agriculture technology company that provides advanced, in-ground soil monitoring sensors and data analytics to help farmers optimize irrigation and nutrient management. The discussion will explore how below-ground nitrate, water, and redox sensors

provide data intelligence that can inform smart nitrogen strategies and support better soil health and cleaner water through reduced runoff and leaching



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OTHER NEWS



New Flood-MAR dashboard available for public testing

Working with [GEI Consultants](#), DWR has launched the [Central Valley Flood-MAR Dashboard](#) for public testing. The data-driven tool helps water managers in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys identify when and where floodwaters can be safely diverted for groundwater recharge, while also supporting flood management and emergency response. Developed in response to Governor Newsom's [California Water Supply Strategy](#) and lessons from 2023 flood diversions, the dashboard combines statewide forecasts with local flood data to improve coordination and maximize recharge opportunities. It displays flood conditions using river channel cross-sections and local flood threshold points, and highlights diversion-eligible river reaches once public notification is confirmed. Testing of the dashboard is open through March 31, 2026; DWR seeks feedback to refine functionality, accuracy, and usability. To read more, see the [Flood-MAR dashboard article](#) on the Maven's Notebook website.

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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.



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