



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

 **MARCH 2026** 

SGMA NEWS

COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) COMMITTEE MEETING

The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Committee Meeting will be held on **March 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.** Please see details below for more information. This is a public meeting and all are welcome to join.

Meeting Location:

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

Remote Participation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88471820822>

The agenda and supporting documents are available
at <https://www.maderacountywater.com/county-gsa-committee/>.



Public Survey: Design of Prop 4
Watershed Resilience Program
Survey deadline is Friday, March 6

DWR's public survey "[Design of Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience Program](#)" closes soon. The survey aims to help inform development of the upcoming Proposition 4 [Watershed Resilience Program](#). This new program will make approximately \$152 million available for grants statewide. Public feedback is essential. The survey is open now through Friday, March 6. For more information, see DWR's [public notice](#).

FLOOD



Next Lunch-MAR webinar
on Wednesday, March 4

Next week's [Lunch-MAR](#) meeting — "Water Quality Impacts During Flood-MAR on Vineyards" — will feature Sacramento State University Geology Professor Amelia Vankeuren. She will share findings from five years of monitoring water quality during Flood-MAR on vineyards in Sacramento County. The discussion will explore how flooding fields affects water chemistry and flow, including potential contamination from nutrients, pesticides, and trace metals; and tracers of groundwater source, flow path, and age. Results highlight how recharge water interacts with existing groundwater and aquifer sediments and provide insight into water quality implications of Flood-MAR on agricultural land.

This [hour-long webinar](#) begins at 12:30p.m on Wednesday, March 4.

Registration is not required to attend.

EVENTS



An annual observance established in 1999 to highlight the responsible development, management, and use of groundwater, the event is also a platform to encourage yearly water well testing and well maintenance, and the promotion of policies impacting groundwater quality and supply. Groundwater advocates across the country also use GAWW to highlight local water issues in their communities.

[For more information](#)



[On March 20, CWI will celebrate World Water Day](#) (observed March 22) with interactive displays tracing water's journey from source to tap. Visitors will learn about groundwater reliance, local water delivery, and how each drop reaches their faucet, both on campus and in the city. The Fresno State Water Tower will serve as a focal point for celebrating water and inspiring action

Professional Agave Training California

Event Rescheduled



Learn more and strengthen your skills in agave cultivation

<p>Agave as unique in the whole plant world</p>  <p>Feb 26</p>	<p>Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture</p>  <p>March 5</p>	<p>Crop Establishment and Field Monitoring</p>  <p>March 12</p>	<p>Propagation, Pruning & Integrated Pest Management</p>  <p>March 21</p>
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FIELD DAY PRACTICE March 20, 21
Orientation Session – February 19 at 6:00 PM





Registration Fee: USD 150
 Scholarship Opportunities Available

 [Click here to Register](#)
 Zoom
 Madera Community College

This program is designed to provide participants with in-depth knowledge and practical skills on agave cultivation, sustainability practices, and value-added opportunities within the agave industry.

The training will be offered in **both English and Spanish**, ensuring accessibility for a broad and diverse audience across California.

If you are interested, please click on the flyer or the button below to register.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Si está interesado, seleccione el botón de abajo para registrarse.

[Folleto en Español](#)

OTHER NEWS

Farmer-to-Farmer Collaboration

Get Money to Create and Maintain Pollinator Habitat

Help your farm, dairy, or ranch while building connected habitat for California's pollinators

The RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) Farmer-to-Farmer Collaboration program is looking for enthusiastic producers interested in receiving financial and technical support for implementing on-farm practices that support pollinators in California. We are offering contracts to distribute over **\$1,000,000** to California's farmers and ranchers to implement pollinator habitat.



Pollinators can provide significant benefits to CA producers: increased pollination efficacy, more cost effective pest control, improved soil health and water retention, erosion control, carbon sequestration, enhanced land stewardship, and more.

Eligible Counties:

Fresno
Madera
Merced
Monterey
Napa
San Luis Obispo
San Joaquin
Santa Barbara
Sonoma
Stanislaus



Eligible Practices for Reimbursement:

- Cover Crops
- Conservation Cover
- Wildlife Habitat and Range Planting
- Hedgerow Planting
- Prescribed Grazing
- Micro-Irrigation
- Integrated Pest Management
- Tree-Shrub and Brush Establishment and Management

Producers can apply for more than one practice!

Become a Participating Producer!

If you are interested in supporting bees and other pollinators, enhancing your operation, and collaborating with fellow farmers, please scan the QR Code and share with your neighbors!



Funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP): Farmer-to-Farmer Collaboration - Increasing Pollinators Across Diverse California Farms and Ranches.

Collaborating Partners



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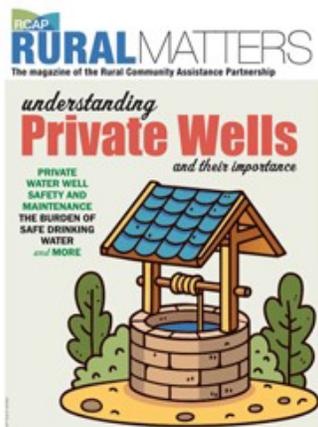
EAT the SEASON



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From RCAP *Rural Matters*: Understanding Private Wells and Their Importance

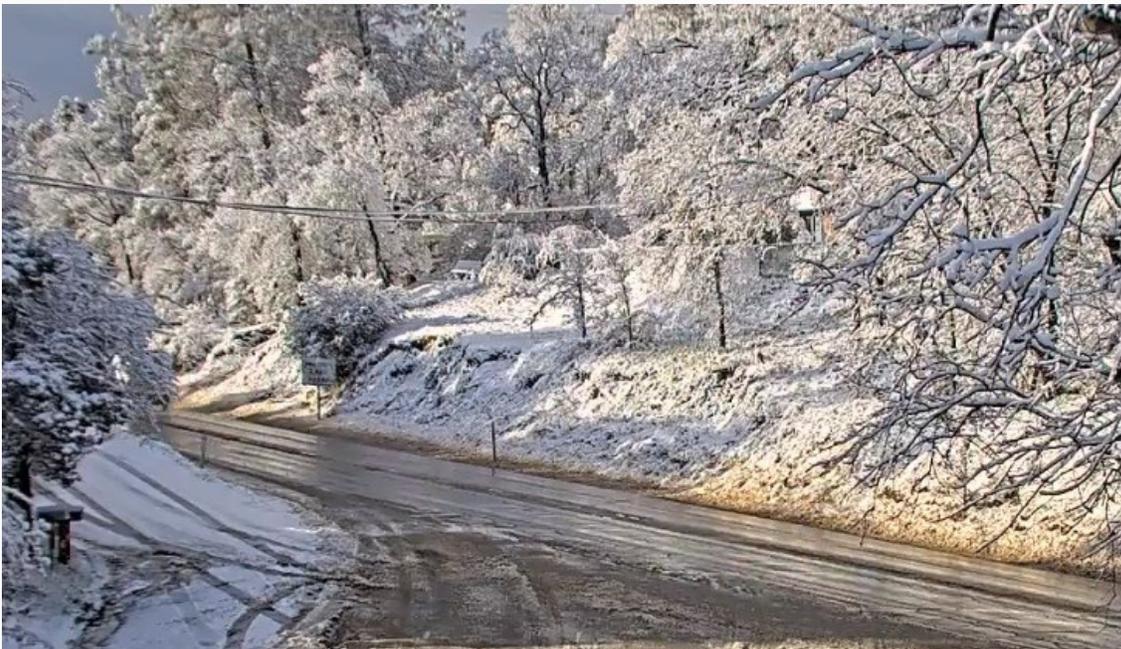
Do you follow the [Rural Community Assistance Partnership's](#) *Rural Matters* magazine? The magazine highlights challenges and opportunities facing the rural communities RCAP works with, offers new ways of tackling rural issues, and shares updates from RCAP regional partners. In the last edition of 2025, *Rural Matters* focused heavily on private wells and their importance; covering well safety and maintenance, the burden of safe drinking water, and more. *Rural Matters* is free to read online. Check out 2025 Issue #4 on wells at the link below!



[Read here »](#)

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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.



Snow in February on Deadwood in the Foothills of Madera
