

## **Regional Water Management Group** **Monday, March 23, 2026, 1:30 pm**

Notice and agenda for the regular meeting of the  
**Madera Regional Water Management Group.**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
that the Madera RWMG meeting will be held  
VIA Teleconference:

### **AGENDA**

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Description: RWMG Meeting March 23, 2026, 1:30 PM

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1. Opening
  - A. Flag Salute (Jacob Roberson)
  - B. Introductions (Everyone)
2. Review & Approval – March 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda & January 26<sup>th</sup> Minutes
3. Public Comment

The first 15 minutes of each regular meeting is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Group, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Group at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Group. Any person addressing the Group under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Also, all persons addressing the Group must state their name and county of residence for the record.

## **Items of Interest** (Jacob Roberson)

- The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) has recently released their new [Climate Bond website](#). CNRA is in charge of administering the Prop 4 funds which is providing \$10 billion in funding for key priorities across CNRA. The new website breaks down the funding and enables people to [search funding pots](#) and grant opportunities, [get answers](#) to basic questions, review [key documents](#) guiding CNRA departments, and [learn](#) how they are improving the grant process.
- The [Final 2025 Urban Water Management Plan \(UWMP\) Guidebook](#) has been posted on [DWR's UWMP website](#). Updates to this guidebook were made to improve clarity and provide additional guidance. Public comments on the draft guidebook were accepted November 17<sup>th</sup> – December 2, 2025, and minor updates to the guidebook based on public comment.
- The Central Valley Water Board invites interested parties to submit written comments on the Nitrate Control Program Priority 2 Final Management Zone Proposals and Final Early Action Plans. Written comments are due no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>, and can be submitted to:
  - [cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - 11020 Sun Senter Dr, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114The Final Management Zone Proposals and Final Early Action Plans can be found by [clicking here](#).
- CAL FIRE announced the opening of a new Business and Workforce Development Grants solicitation (2026 Q1). The Wood Products Team has published updated [Grant Guidelines \(Version 2/23/26\)](#) and they are currently accepting applications.

2026 Q1 Business and Workforce Development Solicitation specifics:

- Up to \$10 million available for Business and Workforce projects
- This solicitation is part of California Climate Investments (CCI)

Applications must be submitted via the [Business and Workforce Development 2026 Q1 Solicitation portal](#) by 11:59 pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [CAL FIRE's Business and Workforce Development Grants webpage](#).

- CAL FIRE is inviting public feedback on [draft guidelines](#) under the new Regional Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Grant Program. The Legislature appropriated \$30 million from the [2024 Climate Bond](#) to CAL FIRE to fund regional projects to “improve local fire prevention capacity, improve forest health and resilience, and reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from wildlands”.

Comments must be submitted by 5 pm on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and can be submitted by [clicking here](#).

- CAL FIRE is now accepting concept proposals for their Forest Health Program. This funding supports landscape-scale forest restoration and wildfire resilience

projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve ecosystem health, and protect communities and natural resources across California.

Prescribed fire is an essential, science-based approach to restoring ecological function, reducing hazardous fuels, and increasing long-term landscape resilience. Projects that thoughtfully incorporate prescribed fire are strongly encouraged.

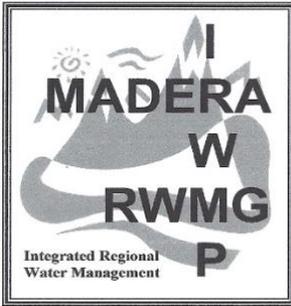
This solicitation includes funding from two separate sources, and a separate application must be submitted for each funding source:

- [California Climate Investments \(CCI\), funded through the state's Cap-and-Invest program \(up to \\$55 million available\)](#)
- [The Prop 4 California Climate Bond \(up to \\$65 million available\)](#)

For questions, please contact [ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov](mailto:ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov).

- The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRC) has launched a [Prop 4 Portal](#), which hosts information, documents, breakdowns, and more surrounding the Prop 4 Climate Bond.

4. Review & Approval
  - A. March Financial Report (Jacob Roberson)
5. Discussion & Approval – Madera RWMG 2026 Vice Chair Election (Jacob)
6. Discussion & Approval – Madera RWMG 2026 Group Coordinator Contract (Jacob)
7. Discussion – Chowchilla Management Zone (Becky Horn)
8. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant (Gretchen Heisdorf)
9. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG (All)
10. Future Agenda Items (All)
11. Next Meeting Time – Monday, May 18, 2026, at 1:30 pm on Zoom
12. Adjourn



# **Regional Water Management Group**

LOCATION: Online (ZOOM)

## **MINUTES**

Monday, January 26, 2026, 1:30 pm

### **1. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm, by Bobby Macaulay, Chairperson.**

Those present included:

Al Solis – SEMCU & QK INC  
Becky Horn – Triangle T WD  
Bobby Macaulay – Madera County  
Carl Janzen – Madera ID  
Celeste Wheeler – Indian Lakes  
Dina Nolan – Madera ID

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD  
Fahed Mosleh – Madera County  
Gretchen Heisdorf – Root Creek WD  
Jacob Roberson – RWMG Coordinator  
Keith Helmuth – City of Madera  
Kevin Sischo – Madera County

### **2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes**

- A motion to approve the November minutes and January agenda was made by Gretchen H; Keith H second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Public Comment**

- Items of interest were mentioned by Jacob R (for more information, reach out to Jacob):
  - The recording for the Fall 2025 GSA Forum hosted on November 19<sup>th</sup> by DWR is now available online.
  - The recording for the Draft CalGW Update 2025 (Bulletin 118) webinar held on November 4<sup>th</sup> is available online, along with the presentation slides.
  - Public comments are being accepted for the Draft 2025 – 2023 Nonpoint Source Program Implementation Plan through 12 pm on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - A Groundwater Recharge Estimation factsheet has recently been created and released by the Flood-MAR Network's Estimating Recharge Action Team.
  - DWR has released the Best Management Practices for Land Subsidence document.

### **4. Discussion & Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals**

- January 2026 Financial Report
  - Jacob R reported on the finances for December and January:
    - We began December with \$25,071.71, with no incoming expenses and had one outgoing expense for \$99 (CalTech Web). This ended December with \$24,972.71.
    - In January, we had no incoming expenses and had one outgoing expense for \$99 (CalTech Web). This ended January with \$24,873.72.

- Jacob added that invoices for 2026 Membership Dues will be going out in the mail in the next week or two.
- A motion to approve the January financial report was made by Gretchen H; Don R second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Discussion & Action – Madera RWMG 2026 Officer Elections**

- Jacob R mentioned that the current seats are held by Bobby Macaulay (Chairperson) and Phil Janzen (Vice Chair). No new nominations were presented.
- A motion to keep the positions the same was made by Don R; Gretchen H second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.
  - After the meeting, the group was informed that Phil J is no longer eligible for the Vice Chair position. This position is still vacant and will be up for nominations/voting during the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **6. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding**

- San Joaquin Valley
  - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone
    - Becky H reported that not a lot of activity happened over the holidays and mailers are not being sent out as frequently. The CMZ committee is going to be meeting the first week of February to finalize their 2026 budget and prepare to send out invoices to members. Well testing continues, but applications have begun to slow down and they are circling back to retest wells that had previously tested high in nitrates to see if there has been any change.

#### **7. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant**

- Gretchen H provided an update on the various projects going on under the SGMA Grant:
  - Project 1 (Grant Administration) – will be ongoing through the end of the grant.
  - Projects 2, 4, and 5 are complete. Project 5's closeout process with DWR is in progress.
  - Project 3 (Madera WD) – active but slowing until lake access is possible and bird nesting season is over.

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#### **8. Discussion – Drought Working Group**

- No new update provided. Jacob R will reach out to Madera County Water and Natural Resources about keeping this as an agenda item.

#### **9. New/Suggested Members for the Madera RWMG**

- No new suggestions made.

#### **10. Future Agenda Items**

- Madera RWMG 2026 Group Coordinator Contract

**11. Next Meeting**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026, on Zoom

**12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 pm.**

Regional Water Management Group  
Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026  
Cash Activity Report for the period February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026

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	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026</u>
<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	\$ 24,873.71	\$ 24,972.71
<b>Cash Increases:</b>		
Plan Update Fees and Membership Dues:		
Chowchilla Water District	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
City of Chowchilla	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
City of Madera	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00
Gravelly Ford Water District	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
Madera Ag Water Association*	\$ -	\$ -
Madera County Public Works	\$ -	\$ -
Madera Irrigation District	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
Madera Water District	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
Root Creek Water District	\$ -	\$ -
Triangle T Water District	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
Yosemite Springs Park Utility Company	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
DAC Prop-1 Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Cash Increases</b>	<b>\$ 21,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,500.00</b>
<b>Cash Decreases:</b>		
Group Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -
DAC Prop 1- Madera Farm Bureau	\$ -	\$ -
Cal Tech Web	\$ -	\$ 99.00
Zoom One Pro (Annual Fee)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Cash Decreases</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 99.00</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	\$ 46,373.71	\$ 46,373.71

\* Unpaid 2025 membership dues

Regional Water Management Group  
Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026  
Cash Activity Report for the period March 1, 2026, through March 16, 2026

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	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026</u>
<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	\$ 46,373.71	\$ 24,972.71
<b>Cash Increases:</b>		
Plan Update Fees and Membership Dues:		
Chowchilla Water District	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
City of Chowchilla	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
City of Madera	\$ -	\$ 1,550.00
Gravelly Ford Water District	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
Madera Ag Water Association*	\$ -	\$ -
Madera County Public Works	\$ -	\$ -
Madera Irrigation District	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
Madera Water District	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
Root Creek Water District	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
Triangle T Water District	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
Yosemite Springs Park Utility Company	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
DAC Prop-1 Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Cash Increases</b>	<b>\$ 2,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,350.00</b>
<b>Cash Decreases:</b>		
Group Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -
DAC Prop 1- Madera Farm Bureau	\$ -	\$ -
Cal Tech Web	\$ -	\$ 99.00
Zoom One Pro (Annual Fee)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Cash Decreases</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 99.00</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	\$ 49,223.71	\$ 49,223.71

\* Unpaid 2025 membership dues



## **Madera Regional Water Management Group Coordinator Job Description**



### **Background:**

The Madera Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) formed in 2010 has brought together stakeholders in the valley and foothills within Madera County. Stakeholders include Madera County, the cities of Chowchilla and Madera, special districts including water districts, irrigation districts, municipal service districts, and conservation districts, disadvantaged communities (DAC), and Native American Tribal entities. As a group, stakeholders in the RWMG have worked together with common goal of managing water supply now and in the future.

The RWMG Coordinator is a position that operates under board direction to perform a range of tasks to aid the RWMG in its important work.

### **Basic Job Related Duties:**

- Creates agendas, resolutions, staff reports, letters of recommendation/support and other official documents.
- Retains official records including the agendas, minutes, findings, resolutions, orders, and all other documents.
- Attends each Madera RWMG meeting and takes meeting minutes as notetaker.
- Maintains an e-mail list and regularly distribute water- and grant-related information
- Briefs Board on local and statewide water-related events and news
- Sends out project forms and updates plan with new projects as necessary.
- Creates outreach materials, including PowerPoint presentations, brochures, flyers, and other outreach materials as needed
- Attends outreach events on behalf of group
- Grant writing when needed or when grants are identified for the group
- Recruits new members, including attending meetings of other agencies, sending membership packets, follow-up with new members

### **Specific Job-Related Duties and Requirements:**

Represent the Mountain Counties Funding Area & San Joaquin River DAC Funding Area:

- Attend the meetings in person and on the phone
  - MCFA – Sacramento, Auburn, etc.
  - SJRFA – Modesto, Turlock, etc.
- Review all paperwork and make corrections and recommendations for the Board
- Write and work on Grants for each funding area

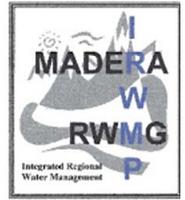
San Joaquin River Funding Area DAC Grant Administration

- Quarterly Reports and Invoicing
- Work with partners to gather information

Represent the Madera RWMG at partner meetings:

- Attend the Southern Sierra IRWM
- Attend the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM
- Round Table of Regions
- Attend the Sierra Water Work Group meetings & Annual Conference

# Madera Regional Water Management Group



## AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP AND JACOB ROBERSON

This agreement made by and between the Madera Regional Water Management Group, hereafter referred to as the "RWMG," and Jacob Roberson, hereafter referred to as the "Consultant." The RWMG is interested in securing the services of a consultant to act as a Part-time Administrative Assistant for the RWMG. This Agreement will commence on the 4th day of May 2026 and will be reviewed on a year to year basis.

### CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Consultant agrees to provide professional services as Part-time Coordinator to assist the RWMG. The Consultant's services shall include but are not limited to (see Exhibit A) the following: provide notice of all meetings as required by law; prepare, keep and maintain the files, agendas, minutes, findings, resolutions, orders, and all other documents and papers relative to those items of business on the agenda and attend each RWMG meeting and record each item of business.

### FEE STRUCTURE

The Consultant's rate of pay will be a flat rate of \$2,362.00 per month; this will be the cost each month for the Part-time Coordinator duties as required for the maximum monthly number of hours to not to exceed 40 hours/month; including meetings and travel time. Payment to the Consultant will be made each month upon the presentation of the Consultant's monthly invoice to the RWMG's Fiscal Agent. If additional travel is required to perform these duties; beyond the regular three locations for the monthly RWMG meetings; then mileage will be reimbursed at the state rate. In addition, any parking fees required will also be reimbursed.

### EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

It is understood that the Consultant is responsible for his actions, that the Consultant is not an employee of the RWMG or the Fiscal Agent regardless of the nature and extent of the acts performed by the Consultant.

### OWNERSHIP OF PLANS, DRAWINGS AND/OR REPORTS

Copies, data, plans and specifications, and reports are to become the property of the RWMG whether the work is completed or not and may be used by them in any fashion they see fit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the Consultant reserves the right to use any reports, studies, analysis or data prepared or collected during work for other purposes as seen fit, provided, however, that no such use shall allow the RWMG to be identified without the consent of the RWMG.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Consultant agrees to perform services exclusively for the RWMG under this agreement, and expressly agrees not to undertake any conflicting duties to others, with or without compensation, which could in anyway compromise that responsibility. Performing additional projects that result in partnerships to this project are allowed. The Consultant shall not disclose to others any confidential information gained from his relationship without the prior, written permission from the RWMG.

### CANCELLATION

This Agreement may be cancelled at anytime, with or without cause, by either party giving 30 days written notice to the other. This agreement can also be cancelled if funding of this position is lost. In the event of either cancellation, the Consultant shall be paid for authorized services to the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties to this Agreement have hereunto caused the same to be executed in Madera, California the 4th day of May 2026.

Madera Regional Water Management Group

Jacob Roberson

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached – Exhibit A  
Job Description