



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS



SGMA NEWS

COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) COMMITTEE MEETING

The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Committee Meeting will be held on April 7, 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

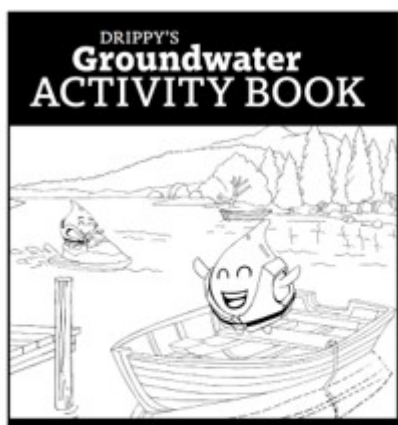
The agenda and supporting documents are available
at <https://www.maderacountywater.com/county-gsa-committee/>.

DWR Releases Videos on Subsidence in California in Multiple Languages

Subsidence is the sinking of land which can be caused by various factors including groundwater pumping. In California, subsidence has been documented for over a century and is a growing issue that impacts our water infrastructure and the communities who rely on it. DWR has developed an informative video, in multiple languages, to help viewers understand the basics of subsidence and how it affects California's water supply. What is Subsidence? is available in the following languages:

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Hmong](#)
- [Punjabi](#)

Please watch these videos, and more, on [DWR's YouTube channel](#) to learn more about how subsidence works and its importance for a sustainable water supply for California.



WHAT'S INSIDE

How do YOU say water? • Water cycle • Hidden water • On the move • Word search
Ad lib game • Color by number • Draw your own Drippy • Glossary



New Resource added to the SGMA Communication and Engagement Toolkit

The SGMA [Communication and Engagement Toolkit](#) provides a set of publicly available guides and resources to assist local SGMA implementation efforts.

Resources in this toolkit are designed to aid GSAs in effective ways to engage diverse audiences and communicate complex information.

The DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Office (SGMO) is excited to share the newest addition to the toolkit, **Drippy's Groundwater Activity Book** for ages 8 to 10. This printable resource includes interactive learning exercises, coloring pages, and vocabulary-building exercises that introduce groundwater sustainability concepts to future water stewards in an engaging way.

Download and print Drippy's Groundwater Activity Book for your next event [here](#).

FLOOD



Lunch-MAR webinars take place the first Wednesday of each month. In these webinars, network members and invited guests present on and discuss a wide range of topics relevant to Flood-MAR, ranging from water rights to geophysics.

If you have missed any Lunch-MAR Presentations, you can catch up here:

[Lunch-MAR Videos – California Flood-MAR Hub](#)

EVENTS

APRIL 13, 2026

 MADERA COUNTY
FARM BUREAU

AG PLASTIC CONTAINER RECYCLE EVENT



Recycling & shredding provided by Interstate Ag Plastics
Supported by Ag Container Recycling Council

Accepting:

- Triple rinsed pesticide containers (inspection mandatory & containers must be clean)
- 30 or 55 gallon drums (must be cut in half or quarters lengthwise *top to bottom*)
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- No bulk cage type containers
- No trash or poly pipe

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OTHER NEWS



MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM

We're excited to share the 2025 MLRP Annual Report, which highlights the continued progress of MLRP and the work taking place across your regions. You can access the report here: [English](#) | [Spanish](#).

Prepared by the Statewide Support Entity with contributions from block grantees and DOC staff, this year's report captures how the program is moving from planning to implementation. It reflects the collective efforts of grantee teams, partners, and communities working to advance groundwater sustainability while creating benefits for ecosystems, local economies, and residents.



On the Water Front

New Report: California Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Surpasses 4,800 Acres of Projects

Transitioning 1,090 acres of active agricultural land to wildlife habitat while supporting farmer leadership in cover cropping. Repurposing 150 acres of almond orchards to cattle rangeland and native grasslands, reducing groundwater use and improving wildlife habitat. Converting 12 acres of pistachio orchard into a groundwater recharge basin with integrated renewable solar infrastructure, capturing floodwater and increasing groundwater recharge. These three projects are among 13 projects that the California Department of Conservation approved in 2025 to receive funding from the state's [Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program](#) (MLRP). Details about these projects and updates on 10 others approved in previous years are featured in the new Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program 2025 Annual Report (available in [English and Spanish](#)).

Click below for more of the summary article:

[California Land Repurposing Program Surpasses 4,800 acres of projects](#)

THE PRIVATE WELL
CLASS

Water Sampling and Testing Collection

We have [10 different articles](#) covering every aspect of the well sampling and testing process at our Help Center; including how often, what to sample for, and common questions. Highlights for well owners participating in our Pledge to Test Campaign may be:

- [What information should I know before I test my well water?](#)
- [What is the difference between a certified lab and a non-certified lab?](#)
- [How do I interpret my well water analysis report?](#)

For additional articles and resources for private well owners, explore our [Private Well Help Center](#).



2026 Fresno/Madera YF&R Scholarship Application

The Fresno Madera Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Committee recently announced the call for scholarship applications. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to one Madera County student and one Fresno County student. Recipients are asked to accept the scholarship in person at a Fresno Madera YF&R member meeting whose date and location will be communicated upon notification of the scholarship award.

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be received no later than **April 30th** to info@fcfb.org. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15th.

The scholarship will be given to a college student who:

- is or will be a student studying agriculturally-related courses;

- has a 2.0 G.P.A. or better; and
- demonstrates involvement in agriculturally-related activities.

[Click Here to Access the Application](#)

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.

