



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

April 2026



COUNTY GSA COMMITTEE MEETING

In case you missed the Madera County GSA Committee meeting on April 07, 2026, the recording and agenda packets can be viewed on the [County GSA Committee](#) webpage.

Information can also be found on the [Board meeting portal](#).

The next Madera County GSA Committee Meeting is scheduled for
May 05, 2026 at 1:30 PM.

COUNTY GSA BOARD MEETING

In case you missed the Madera County GSA Board meeting on April 14, 2026, a short summary of the GSA items is provided below.



For more information,
visit maderacountywater.com

For more information, visit the [Board meeting portal](#) to view the full agenda packet and recording.

ANNUAL SUBBASIN GSP REPORTS

The Annual GSP Reports for the Madera, Chowchilla, and Delta-Mendota Subbasins have been submitted for Water Year 2025 to the Department of Water Resources and are available to view.

Chowchilla Subbasin Water Year 2025 Annual Report



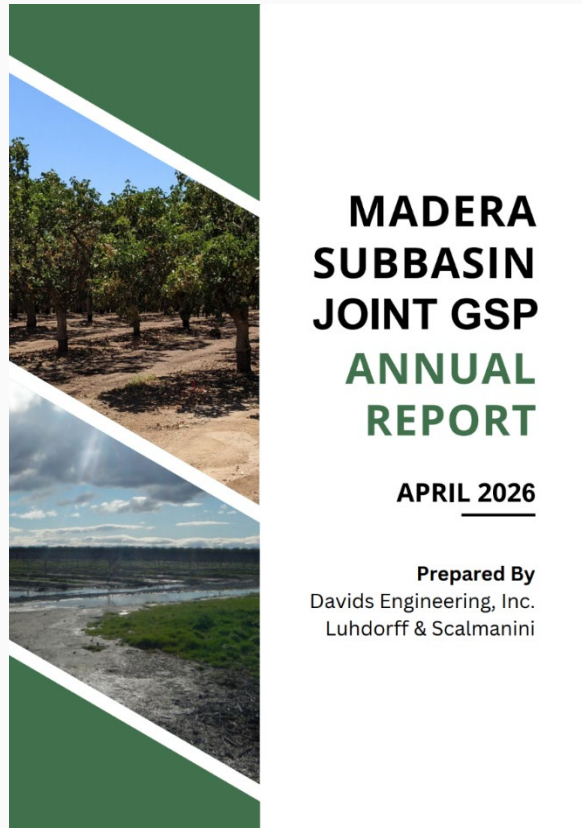
CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2026

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The Chowchilla GSP Annual Report can be viewed here:
[Chowchilla Subbasin Annual Report Water Year 2025](#)

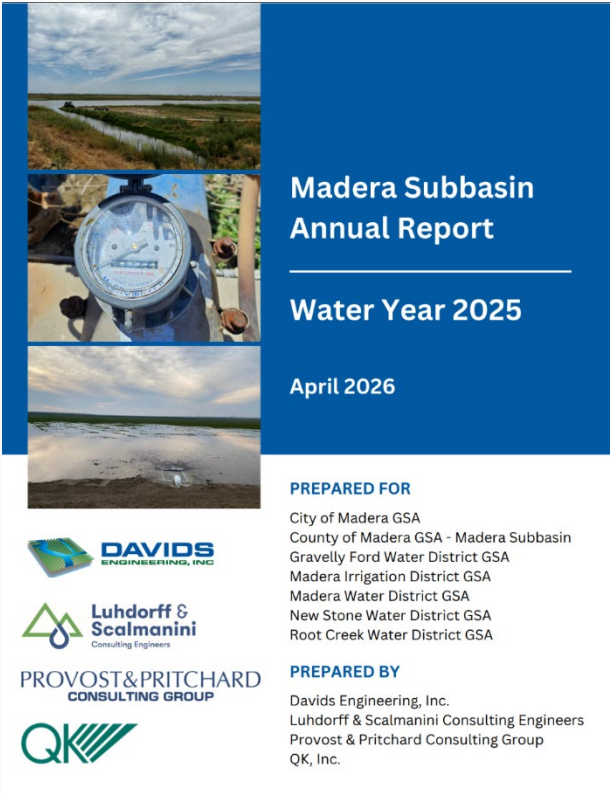
Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Water Year 2025 Annual Report



The Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Annual Report can be viewed here:
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Madera Subbasin Water Year 2025 Annual Report







**Madera Subbasin
Annual Report**

Water Year 2025

April 2026

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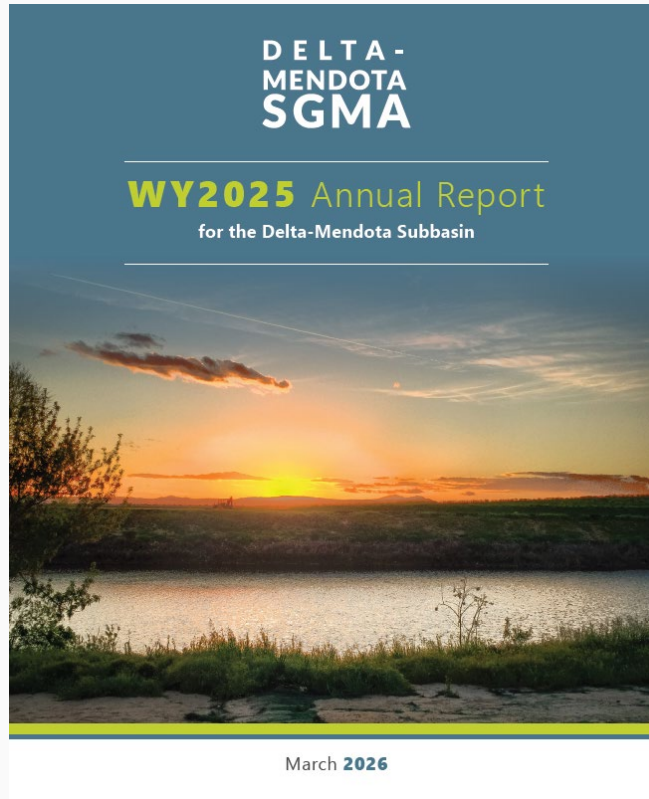
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The Madera Subbasin Annual Report can be viewed here:

[Madera Subbasin Annual Report Water Year 2025](#)

Delta-Mendota Subbasin Water Year 2025 Annual Report



The Delta-Mendota GSP Annual Report can be viewed here:

[Delta-Mendota GSP Annual Report Water Year 2025](#)

DELTA-MENDOTA RETURNS TO DWR

At its April 7th Board meeting, the State Water Board approved a resolution to return the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) jurisdiction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

In March 2023, DWR determined that the local plan to achieve groundwater sustainability in the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin was inadequate and referred the subbasin to the State Water Board for potential [state intervention](#). The local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) for the subbasin revised their plan and the State Water Board determined that the new plan addresses the problems that DWR identified as well as Board staff concerns and, by implementing the revised plan, the GSAs are on track to achieve sustainable groundwater management. Local GSAs will continue managing groundwater in the subbasin under DWR's jurisdiction.



For more information about the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin, please visit the [State Water Board's Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin webpage](#).

FAQ RESOURCES

Madera Dry Well Program

The Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (MCGSA) Dry Well Program (Program) provides financial assistance to landowners impacted by declining groundwater levels in the Madera Subbasin, within the MCGSA. This

Program helps fund (up to \$35,000) the drilling of new domestic well or connection to an existing community water system to replace those that have gone dry or been damaged by subsidence.



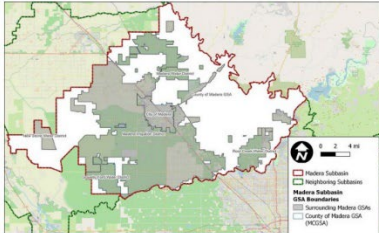
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MCGSA Dry Well Program Contact Information

Phone: (559) 655-6807 | Email: info@maderadrywell.com | Website: www.maderadrywell.com

Madera County GSA Dry Well Program Eligibility




To determine which GSA your property is within, please visit the Program website at maderadrywell.com.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a landowner with a domestic well located within the MCGSA boundaries.
- Property must have a domestic well that went dry after 1/1/2026 or is on the Self-Help Enterprises interim water assistance list (with a dry domestic well due to declining groundwater levels that occurred after the 1/1/2020 cutoff).
- Property owner must have owned property for a minimum of one year.
- Dwelling unit must be considered "habitable."

Pre-Qualified Drillers

For a list of pre-qualified drillers, please visit maderadrywell.com.



For more information, scan the QR Code for Program Details & Application

Madera County GSA Dry Well Program Process

Apply	Assessment	Approval	Payment	Record
Complete application and submit a \$100 application and assessment fee. If the well qualifies for mitigation, the application and assessment fee will be reimbursed as an eligible mitigation cost.	MCGSA or its agents will conduct a well assessment.	If well qualifies, the landowner will solicit three (3) bids from well drillers - at least two (2) bids must be from the MCGSA-qualified well driller list. MCGSA will approve one of the bids.	MCGSA will advance the landowner up to \$35,000 in eligible mitigation costs on a schedule set by MCGSA. At completion, the landowner must provide sufficient documentations to support the amount advanced and landowner must return any advanced funds to MCGSA that were not used (as specified in landowner agreement).	Record of mitigation is filed on the deed.

Contact Information for Surrounding Madera Subbasin GSAs

Madera Irrigation District, City of Madera, Madera Water District - (559) 655-9099
Root Creek Water District - (559) 255-2305
Gravelly Ford Water District - (559) 474-1000
New Stone Water District - (559) 834-6677

Click or scan the QR code in the flyer above or visit maderadrywell.com for more information.

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

Pollinator and Farm Resilience Field Days

Over the past few years, Xerces Society and their amazing farm partners have installed and evaluated over 130 hedgerows, pollinator meadows and cover crop projects across California in collaboration with USDA National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and CDFA Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability (OARS).

We invite you to join us for a series of field days for:

- How-tos of habitat installation and maintenance
 - Hands-on observation and evaluation of pollinator and beneficial insect activity
 - Integrated Pest and Pollinator Management (IPPM) and habitat protection guidance
 - Research data and modeling results on the carbon sequestration and water use benefits of pollinator habitat.
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**May 7,
2026**



Field Day

Join us at TSB Ag for a showcase on the regenerative agriculture benefits of pollinator habitat and how to create more resilient farms.

Speakers:

- **Jerel Kratt** Regenerative Crop Consulting
- **Stephanie Anagnoson** Madera County Water and Natural Resources
- **Lak Brar** TSB Ag President



Who Should Attend?

- Farmers of almonds and other orchard or speciality crops
- Conservation practioners
- Pollinator and wildlife enthusiasts

8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch is provided

Rd 21 & Ave 9 1/2
10144 Road 21
Madera, CA 93637

[CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JENAEMCCARTHY@XERCES.ORG



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



May 7, 2026 TSB Ag, Building Farm Resilience with Pollinator Habitat. *Topics include carbon sequestration and water use benefits of habitat and Bee Better Certified farms.*

[More information, speakers and registration on our TSB Ag flyer.](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)





May 14th, 2026

Field Day

Join us at **Bullseye Farms**, a state leader in sustainability and pollinator hedgerows

- Tour pollinator hedgerows and learn about their benefits and management
- Learn how to find and identify key pollinators and beneficial insects
- Get guidance on managing pests while supporting pollinators
- Learn how to get financial and technical support to plant pollinator habitat

Who Should Attend?

- Farmers of speciality crops
- Conservation practitioners
- Pollinator and wildlife enthusiasts

Join us for Coffee and Donuts at 8 am
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Location:
36064 Co Rd 25A, Woodland,
CA 95695

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

May 14, 2026 Bullseye Farms, *Pollinator Habitat Program demonstration and hands-on activities.*

[More information and registration on our Bullseye Farms Flyer.](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)





**June 11,
2026**

Field Day

Join us at **Terranova Ranch**, a state leader in sustainability and pollinator hedgerows

- Tour pollinator hedgerows and learn about their benefits and management
- Learn how to find and identify key pollinators and beneficial insects
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Join us for Coffee and Donuts at 8 am
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Terranova Ranch, Inc.
W Floral Ave.
Helm, CA 93627

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JENAE.MCCARTHY@XERCES.ORG



June 11, 2026 Terranova Ranch, *Pollinator Habitat Program demonstration and hands-on activities*


[More information and registration on our Terranova Ranch Flyer.](#)

Click Here to Register

Please use the flyer links or click the button for each field day to register and please feel free to share with your friends and colleagues.

Dry Farming in California Webinar

Join the [Berkeley Food Institute](#) at 12 pm PST/3 pm ET on April 29, 2026, for a discussion in dry farming in California. Click the button below to register.

A green rectangular graphic for a webinar. At the top left is a small white leaf icon followed by the text "Lunch & Learn Webinar". Below this is the main title "Dry Farming in California: Research, Practice, and Real-World Tradeoffs" in white, bold font. Underneath the title is the date and time "April 29th, 12 - 1pm PST". In the center, there are three small square portrait photos of the panelists. Below each photo is their name and title in white text. On the right side of the graphic is the Berkeley Food Institute logo, which consists of a large white letter 'B' with the words "BERKELEY" and "FOOD INSTITUTE" stacked vertically on either side.

Lunch & Learn Webinar

Dry Farming in California: Research, Practice, and Real-World Tradeoffs

April 29th, 12 - 1pm PST

Lauren Pesch
Leeds & Pesch Vineyards

Yvonne Socolar
UC Berkeley Project Scientist

Neha Sanghera, Moderator
Policy Director
Berkeley Food Institute

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Dry farming is getting more attention across California as growers look for ways to farm in a water-constrained environment. But what does dry farming actually involve, where does it work well, and what are the tradeoffs? This webinar will dig into those questions by looking at how dry farming is used in annual crop production and vineyards, including its effects on water use, carbon accumulation, and the balance between yield and quality. The webinar will also feature an update on a California Department of Water Resources–funded project focused on dry farming education and water conservation in coastal wine grapes. Whether you are new to the topic or already engaged in climate-resilient agriculture, this webinar will offer a timely look at one of the practices shaping the future of farming and water conservation in California with panelists

Dr. Yvonne Socolar and Lauren Pesch.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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](#)

Earth Day Activities

EARTH DAY FRESNO

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
OUTDOOR FESTIVAL
@ FRESNO CITY COLLEGE
 (OLD ADMIN BUILDING, WEST LAWN)
 10am - 4pm

EARTH DAY FRESNO 2026 is our community affirming its commitment to sustainability & conservation. Featuring a Green Home & Garden Show, Anthropocene Art Show, EV Ride & Drive, Live Music, DIY Zone, Bike Swap, local food trucks AND MORE

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If you don't know who your Water Resources Specialist is you can reach us at (559) 662-8015, email ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com, or visit our [website](#) to [schedule an appointment](#).



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