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Action Item: Consideration and recommendation to approve a resolution to adopt rules for Domestic Well Mitigation in the Madera Subbasin, Madera County GSA

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Madera Dry Well Program Update



November 12th Update

- Program Rules under development
- Outreach activities initiated
- Draft application prepared
- Program Administrator selected and contract approved
- Driller Request for Qualifications developed and released
- Initial public-facing resources in development

Current Status

- Program Rules finalized
- Bilingual application launched
- Landowner Agreement developed
- Program website launched with interactive dynamic map
- Madera Dry Well Program branding and bilingual outreach materials completed
- Dedicated program phone line established, and first mitigation application received



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Revised Process & Amended Resolution

Process

Apply: Complete and sign the application and submit a \$100 deposit that will be credited towards payment if qualified. **The deposit is non-refundable for applicants that do not qualify.**

Assessment: The Madera County GSA or its agents will conduct a well assessment.

Approval: **If the well qualifies, the landowner will solicit and provide the GSA with three bids from well drillers. Two bids must be from the Madera County GSA well driller list. The County GSA will approve one of the bids and authorize work to begin.**

Payment: **The GSA will advance the landowner up to \$35,000 in eligible costs based on milestones on a schedule deemed appropriate by the GSA. At completion the landowner must provide sufficient documentation to support the amount advanced by the GSA.**

Record: After completion, the mitigation record will be filed on the property deed with agreement terms.

Resolution

Signing Authority: **Grants authority to Director to approve qualified projects according to criteria.**



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Staff Recommendation

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