



# **Regional Water Management Group**

LOCATION: Online (ZOOM)

## **MINUTES**

Monday, March 23, 2026, 1:30 pm

### **1. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm, by Bobby Macaulay, Chairperson.**

Those present included:

Bobby Macaulay – Madera County  
Carl Janzen – Madera ID  
Celeste Wheeler – Indian Lakes  
Clyde Wheeler – Indian Lakes  
Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD  
Fahed Mosleh – Madera County  
Gretchen Heisdorf – Root Creek WD

Jacob Roberson – RWMG Coordinator  
Jerod Weeks – Madera County  
Joe Roman – City of Chowchilla  
Julie Konno – Coarsegold RCD  
Keith Helmuth – City of Madera  
Kevin Sischo – Madera County  
Steve Page – Le Grand-Athlone WD

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

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

### **3. Public Comment**

- Items of interest were mentioned by Jacob R (for more information, reach out to Jacob):
  - California Natural Resources Agency has recently released their new Climate Bond.
  - The Final 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook has been posted on DWR's website.
  - Written comments on the Nitrate Control Program Priority 2 Final Management Zone Proposals and Final Early Action Plans are due tomorrow, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Comments can either be submitted via postal mail or email.
  - CAL FIRE is accepting applications for its Business and Workforce Development Grants program. Applications are due by 11:59 pm, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - CAL FIRE is accepting public feedback on draft guidelines under the new Regional Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Grant Program. Comments must be submitted by 5 pm on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - CAL FIRE is accepting concept proposals for their Forest Health Program.

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

- January 2026 Financial Report
  - Jacob R reported on the finances for February and March:
    - We began February with \$24,873.71:
      - Received in membership dues from 8 paying members for a total of \$21,500 for incoming expenses.
      - No outgoing expenses.

- We began March with \$46,373.71:
  - Received in membership dues from 1 paying member for a total of \$2,850 for incoming expenses.
  - No outgoing expenses in March.
  - Ending balance for March is \$49,223.71.
- A motion to approve the March financial report was made by Gretchen H; Carl J second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Jacob R mentioned that Phil Janzen is no longer with Madera WD and is not eligible to be the Vice Chair. Gretchen H nominated Carl J as the Vice Chair.
- A motion to vote Carl J as Vice Chair was made by Keith H; Carl J second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Discussion & Action – Madera RWMG 2026 Group Coordinator Contract**

- Jacob R mentioned that the contract remains the same except for the year dates. Contract begins on May 4<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 3<sup>rd</sup> of every year.
- A motion to approve the Group Coordinator contract was made by Celeste W; Gretchen H second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

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

- San Joaquin Valley
  - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone
    - No new update provided.

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

- Gretchen H provided an update on the various projects going on under the SGMA Grant:
  - Grant administration is ongoing during the duration of this grant, which is set to be finished at the end of 2026 / beginning of 2027.
  - Projects 2, 4 and 5 are complete. The project closeout for project 5 was accepted by DWR, and the final payment was approved at the beginning of this month. Once final payment is received, project 5 will be fully closed out.
  - Project 3 is near completion but has come to a slow down due to lake access and bird nesting season. This project is anticipated to pick back up at the end of May. Once this project is complete, the entire grant will be able to be closed out.

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

- No new suggestions made.

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

- Jacob R mentioned that a lot more information for Prop 4 has been coming out, so Jacob will reach out to DWR to see if we could have them present to the group again. Jacob will also see if a representative with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) would be able to present as well (CNRA is in charge of administering the Prop 4 funds).

**11. Next Meeting**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, on Zoom

**12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.**