

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

MAY 2024



RECHARGE

Your Water Resources Specialists are inventorying the materials that you have submitted if you conducted recharge in 2023. Make sure to respond to emails and phone calls so that we have the information you need for a credit. We can only give you a credit if you submit all the information to us. Here is summary of what you might be asked:

- Name, address, email and phone number
- GPS coordinates of diversion, APNs where recharge occurred, crop types on which recharge occurred, method of diversion and source of recharge water
- Capacity of basin (if you used a basin)
- Your own estimate of soil infiltration rate, and rate of diversion
- Before and After photos of meters with a total amount
- Map of recharge site

If you're interested in obtaining a credit above 75%, reach out to your Water Resources Specialist for help.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Technical Assistance for Pollinator Plans & Irrigation Evaluations Now Available!

The Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District has funding for free Technical Assistance for pollinator habitat on agricultural operations and working lands. They are also offering free irrigation evaluations for growers in Madera, Stanislaus, and Merced counties.

MADERA/CHOWCHILLA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



INCREASING POLLINATORS ON YOUR OPERATION

The RCD has funding to help agricultural operations and working lands establish pollinator habitat.

Our RCD will:

Visit your site with a partner biologist specializing in pollinators and native plant species.

Create a plan in collaboration with landowner's needs.

Fund native plant supplies and other materials, if needed.

Monitor habitat and suggest maintenance annually.

Questions? Contact Amy (<u>amy@maderachowchillarcd.org</u>) or Kevin (<u>programs@maderachowchillarcd.org</u>) for more information





CDFA Pollinator Plan Funding

The Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District is offering funding opportunities for pollinator plans from the CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program.

This funding is meant to:
• Increase biodiversity of pollinator species on your operation by providing appropriate native plant

Who can qualify for the program?

- Agricultural operations in Madera and Chowchilla
 Small and historically
- disadvantaged growers are strongly encouraged to reach out.



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Supplemental funding for implementation is available

and maintenance

WE OFFER

Comprehensive pollingtor

Plan includes details on site

preparation, native plant species recommendations,

plan tailored to your

Free Technical
Assistance

operation



WCB Pollingtor Habitat Implementation **Funding**

The Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District is offering funding opportunities from the California Wildlife Conservation Board for habitat implementation.

This funding is meant to:

 Increase monarch and pollinator habitat on public and working lands, including agricultural land.

- Who can qualify for the program?

 Public and working lands in Madera and Chowchilla
- Small and historically disadvantaged growers are strongly encouraged to reach out.



- Free Technical Assistance
- Help with the design and implementation of wildlife habitat restoration projects like hedgerows
- Funding for site preparation of pollinator habitat installation and materials, like native plant plugs and seeds
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance assistance



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APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER

Have an Irrigation Specialist evaluate your existing irrigation system for FREE!



THEY WILL:

- · CONDUCT AN IN-FIELD SYSTEM AND SITE **EVALUATION**
- · IDENTIFY ANY SYSTEM INEFFICIENCIES
- . DEVELOP FULL CONSERVATION PLAN



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EVALUACIONES DE RIEGO

CONDADOS DE STANISLAUS

Abril a noviembre

HAGA QUE UN ESPECIALISTA EN RIEGO EVALÚE SU SISTEMA DE RIEGO EXISTENTE GRATIS!

ELLOS:

- Realización de una evaluación de sistemas y
- sitio en el campo

 Identificar cualquier
 ineficiencia del sistema.
- Desarrollar un plan de conservación completo





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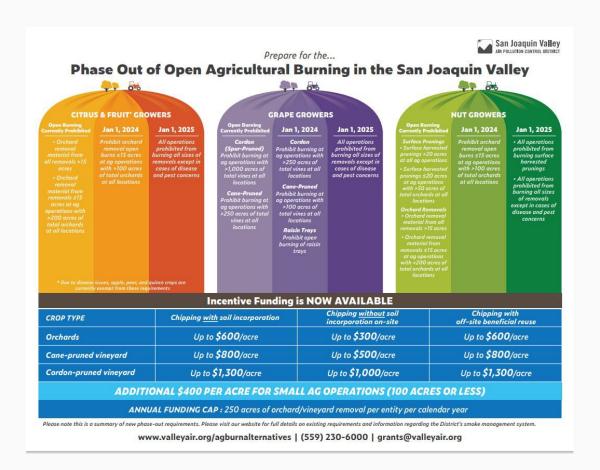






Please contact Amy (amy@maderachowchillarcd@org) or Kevin (programs@maderachowchillarcd@org) for more information on the CDFA & WCB pollinator habitat funding and Kevin (programs@maderachowchillarcd@org) directly for more information on irrigation evaluations.

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES



Learn more!

Ag Burn Incentives Grant Program

UPCOMING WORSHOP



BIOCHAR BENEFITS IN CALIFORNIA ORCHARDS

MAY 30, 2024 * 9 AM TO NOON

PACIFIC FARMING COMPANY 24220 AVE. 13 %, MADERA CA 93637

A free workshop about the benefits of using biochar in orchards to improve soil health. Learn best practices for handling and applying biochar. Hear about AFT's field trial with Pacific Farming Company. Lunch will be served.

Speakers include:

- ·AFT, Paul Lum and Harol Gonzalez Gallardo
- ·UC Merced, Rebecca Ryals, PhD
- ·Pacific Farming Company, Matt Angell

Register at https://maderachowchillarcd.org/workshops-and-events/







More Information

Register today!

CONTACT US

For questions, please contact your Water Resources Specialist directly, call us at (559) 662-8015, email ETmeasurement@maderacounty.com, visit our website, or schedule an appointment.



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