



**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 (amy@maderachowchillarcd.org) or Kevin (programs@maderachowchillarcd.org) 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 habitat.

Who can qualify for the program?

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

WE OFFER

- Free Technical Assistance
- Comprehensive pollinator plan tailored to your operation
- Plan includes details on site preparation, native plant species recommendations, and maintenance
- Supplemental funding for implementation is available

For more information:
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WCB Pollinator 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.

WE OFFER

- 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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IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS

STANISLAUS MERCED MADERA COUNTIES

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

TO SCHEDULE AN EVALUATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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EVALUACIONES DE RIEGO

CONDADOS DE STANISLAUS MERCED MADERA

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




PARA PROGRAMAR UNA EVALUACIÓN, PONGASE EN CONTACTO CON:

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INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Prepare for the...

Phase Out of Open Agricultural Burning in the San Joaquin Valley

CITRUS & FRUIT* GROWERS

Open Burning Currently Prohibited

Jan 1, 2024

Prohibit orchard removal open burns ≤15 acres at ag operations with >100 acres of total orchards at all locations

Jan 1, 2025

All operations prohibited from burning all sizes of removals except in cases of disease and pest concerns

* Due to disease issues, apple, pear, and quince crops are currently exempt from these requirements

GRAPE GROWERS

Open Burning Currently Prohibited

Jan 1, 2024

Cordon (Spur-Pruned)
Prohibit burning at ag operations with >1,000 acres of total vines at all locations

Cane-Pruned
Prohibit burning at ag operations with >250 acres of total vines at all locations

Raisin Trays
Prohibit open burning of raisin trays

Jan 1, 2025

All operations prohibited from burning all sizes of removals except in cases of disease and pest concerns

NUT GROWERS

Open Burning Currently Prohibited

Jan 1, 2024

Surface Prunings
Prohibit surface harvested prunings >20 acres at all ag operations

Orchard Removals
Orchard removal material from all removals >15 acres

Prohibit orchard removal open burns ≤15 acres at ag operations with >100 acres of total orchards at all locations

Jan 1, 2025

All operations prohibited from burning surface harvested prunings

All operations prohibited from burning all sizes of removals except in cases of disease and pest concerns

Incentive Funding is NOW AVAILABLE

CROP TYPE	Chipping with soil incorporation	Chipping without soil incorporation on-site	Chipping with off-site beneficial reuse
Orchards	Up to \$600/acre	Up to \$300/acre	Up to \$600/acre
Cane-pruned vineyard	Up to \$800/acre	Up to \$500/acre	Up to \$800/acre
Cordon-pruned vineyard	Up to \$1,300/acre	Up to \$1,000/acre	Up to \$1,300/acre

ADDITIONAL \$400 PER ACRE FOR SMALL AG OPERATIONS (100 ACRES OR LESS)

ANNUAL FUNDING CAP : 250 acres of orchard/vineyard removal per entity per calendar year

Please note this is a summary of new phase-out requirements. Please visit our website for full details on existing requirements and information regarding the District's smoke management system.

www.valleyair.org/agburnalternatives | (559) 230-6000 | grants@valleyair.org

[Learn more!](#)

[Ag Burn Incentives Grant Program](#)

UPCOMING WORKSHOP



BIOCHAR BENEFITS IN CALIFORNIA ORCHARDS

MAY 30, 2024 * 9 AM TO NOON

PACIFIC FARMING COMPANY 24220 AVE. 13 ¼, 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://maderachowchillarc.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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