



► **Dear Valued Farmer:**

The Board of Supervisors (acting as the Board of Directors for the County GSA) is exploring ways to reduce your groundwater rates in the County GSA, Madera Subbasin, including pursuing grants, looking for cost-saving measures, and evaluating partnerships. If a temporary injunction on groundwater rates is lifted, the Board may assess a lower alternative rate for projects in addition to the GSA Admin Fee. Along with a potential reduction in rates comes a smaller scale of projects and a corresponding reduction in expected 2040 allocations. Below is a table of potential rates. All alternatives are subject to additional review. Please indicate your preference and then tear off and mail the postcard back or take a picture and email it to the address provided. Results of this survey will be presented to the Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of Directors in September 2024.

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Anagnoson**  
*Director of Water and Natural Resources*

**Allocations at 2025 and 2040**

	<b>Approximate Rate (\$/acre)</b>	<b>Adopted Allocation in 2025</b>	<b>Expected Allocation in 2040</b>
<b>Adopted Rate</b>	\$246	27 inches	23 inches*
<b>Alternative #1</b>	\$65	27 inches	13 inches
<b>Alternative #2</b>	\$95	27 inches	15.5 inches
<b>Alternative #3</b>	\$170	27 inches	18 inches

*\*Based on analysis accompanying the 2022 Rate Study and presented in the Looking Forward Public Workshop/Webinar dated June 10, 2022*

For more information on the alternatives, visit [MaderaCountyWater.com/Alternatives](https://MaderaCountyWater.com/Alternatives)

Please check the rate that most meets the needs of your farm unit in the Madera Subbasin. Please return by mail (no postage needed) or as a scan to [WNR@maderacounty.com](mailto:WNR@maderacounty.com) by August 31, 2024.

- Adopted Rate:** This alternative covers costs for domestic well mitigation, an account for substantial purchases of water as available, extensive land repurposing, and significant recharge projects as documented in the 2022 Rate Study.
- Alternative #1:** This alternative covers costs for only domestic well mitigation.
- Alternative #2:** This alternative covers costs for domestic well mitigation, some purchases of water as available, limited land repurposing, and limited recharge.
- Alternative #3:** This alternative covers costs for domestic well mitigation, some purchases of water as available, limited land repurposing, and as much of the original recharge projects as possible.

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