



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

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**LAND REPURPOSING**

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## Recap on the Recent MLRP Workshops

If you missed last week's four MLRP workshops hosted by the MLRP team, we've got you covered with a recap!

The workshops were a great success, with a strong turnout from both growers and other interested parties, both online and in person. We received valuable feedback and answered many questions.

Below, you'll find the information that was covered:

- [Draft MALRP Workshop Presentation](#)
- [Overview of Draft MALRP 9/9/2024](#)
- [Project Solicitation and Selection Timeline 9/8/2024](#)

All information can also be accessed at

<https://www.maderacountywater.com/multibenefit-land-repurposing-program/>.

If you have questions regarding specific projects, please email [mlrp@maderacounty.com](mailto:mlrp@maderacounty.com) or [schedule an appointment](#).

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## Upcoming Key Dates

- **September 18, 2024** - Last date to submit a public comment on the [MALRP Administrative Draft](#). Please send comments to Katie Carlson at [kcarlson@zanjeroams.com](mailto:kcarlson@zanjeroams.com).
- **October 4, 2024** - Pre-proposal application window opens
- **November 1, 2024** - Application window closes

For more information visit

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## INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

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## **U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) Conference**

The U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage will host its [annual conference](#) from **October 1, 2024 - October 4, 2024** in Sacramento, focusing on “Implementing Sustainable Water Management.” This event will feature daily sessions and exhibits, providing a platform for water district personnel, water agency staff, irrigation and drainage experts, consultants, and academics to exchange solutions and experiences. Additionally, participants can join field tours to the Solano Irrigation District and Oroville Dam.

[Register now!](#)

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## **Fresno State Center for Irrigation Technology 8th Annual AgTech Day**

The Center for Irrigation Technology will host the 8th annual AgTech Day - Innovations in Ag Technology Demonstration and Showcase on **Friday, October 25, 2024**. The in-person event, co-hosted by the Advanced Pumping Efficiency Program and the Water, Energy and Technology Center, will run from 7:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. PT.

AgTech Day is a FREE, educational event that showcases the latest innovations in Ag irrigation technology during live field demonstrations, educational presentations and trade show.

[REGISTER](#) EARLY! SPACE IS LIMITED!

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## **Technical Assistance Funding Program**

The California State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Sustainable Water Solutions is now accepting applications for its [Technical Assistance Program](#), which has a rolling deadline. This program supports small, disadvantaged communities with technical help for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, or groundwater projects.

Assistance includes project coordination, operation and maintenance support, engineering and environmental analysis, legal aid, leak detection, compliance audits, financial analysis, and training.

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## **SGMA JOB OPPORTUNITY**

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## SGMA Technical Assistance Community Educator for Small Farms

The University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) Small Farms Network is hiring five staff positions to provide technical assistance to small-scale and underserved farmers during the implementation of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). These positions will join a new statewide effort under the UC ANR Small Farms Network to support small-scale farmers in navigating the unique challenges presented by SGMA implementation at the local, regional, and state levels. Positions will be based in the following California county regions: 1) San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties; 2) Madera and Fresno Counties; 3) Tulare and Kings Counties; 4) Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; 5) Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.



The SGMA Technical Assistance Community Educator for Small Farms (Community Educator IV) will provide technical assistance, extension education, and policy analysis to support small farms in sustainable groundwater management and participation in SGMA processes. Technical assistance will include connecting small-scale farmers to additional resources such as hydrogeological consulting services, legal services, and assistance with irrigation system analysis and water conservation. In each of the five county regions, the Community Educator will assess regional needs of small-scale farmers during SGMA implementation and determine appropriate methods for outreach, education, and technical assistance.

Position duties include visiting farms to provide individual technical assistance, developing educational materials, conducting outreach activities, workshops, and field days, and connecting farmers to resources from nonprofit and private sector partners. The Community Educator will also engage with local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), including attending meetings, reviewing groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs), analyzing local and regional groundwater management policies, and providing information on the impacts of local policy decisions. Project activities will be coordinated with the UC ANR Small Farms Network, a program of UC SAREP, well as the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) and other nonprofit and agency partner organizations.

Please contact Ngodoo Atume at [natume@ucanr.edu](mailto:natume@ucanr.edu) with any questions.

Here's direct links to the roles:

- [Modesto, CA; Job ID: 72088](#)
- [Fresno, CA; Job ID 72087](#)
- [Tulare, CA; Job ID: 72091](#)
- [Salinas or San Martin, CA; Job ID: 72062](#)

- [Riverside, CA; Job ID 72086](#)

Job closing date: 9/26/24

[See full flyer](#)

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## CONTACT US

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