



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024

SGMA NEWS

Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program | **MLRP Madera**

PRE-APPLICANT WORKSHOPS

IN PERSON MEETING WED, NOV 6 8:00 - 10:00AM Location: Madera County Farm Bureau 1102 S Pine St Madera, CA 93637	REGISTER HERE 	VIRTUAL MEETING FRI, NOV 8 12:00 - 1:30PM Location: Virtual meeting on Zoom*	REGISTER HERE 
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Please register to attend a meeting by using the links or QR codes provided.

WORKSHOP TOPICS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get familiar with the MLRP program and project guidelines.• Understand the required pre-application and application steps.• Get more information about eligible project types.• Learn about technical assistance resources available.• Meet the program and technical assistance team members.	SUBMIT A PRE-APP NOW! <p>The pre-application is available now! The first step to participate in the MLRP Madera funding opportunity is to fill out and submit a pre-application form prior to the November 22 deadline. After pre-applications are reviewed, invitations will be sent to those who meet program eligibility requirements to begin the project proposal development process. Access the Pre-Application Form HERE.</p>
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PROGRAM PARTNERS AND PRESENTERS



Pre-Application and Registration

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AGAVE WORKSHOPS

AGAVE 101 WORKSHOP

TUE, NOV 19
9:00 - 11:00AM

Location:
Madera Community College Auditorium
30277 Ave 12
Madera, CA 93638



FIELD DEMONSTRATION

TUE, NOV 19
12:00 - 1:30PM

Location:
The Specialty Crop Company Agave Farm

[REGISTER HERE](#)



[Directions](#)
[CLICK HERE](#)

*Please register to attend the field demonstration by using the link or QR code.
Lunch will be provided

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Overview of the Agave genus (biology and physiology).
- Main agave species used in Mexico for the production of distilled or non-distilled beverages.
- Crop management and overview of various ways agave can be utilized.
- How transitioning ag lands to agave may qualify for **MLRP funding**.
- Additional opportunities to learn from local agave growers.

SUBMIT A PRE-APP NOW!

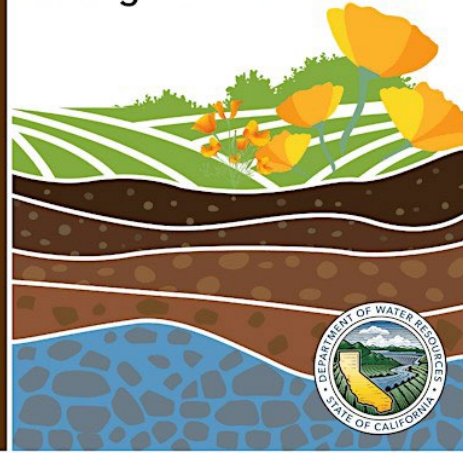
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Registration

The Road to Sustainability: SGMA 10-Year Anniversary Event

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act 2024



DWR Marks 10 Years of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and Progress Made to Protect Water Supplies

Join the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on November 18th as we commemorate the 10-Year Anniversary of the historic passing of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Hear from local groundwater sustainability agencies, community organizations, state leaders, and others in the SGMA community as they reflect on the progress made over the first 10 years of SGMA, highlight challenges and lessons learned, and look ahead to the next 10 years of advancing sustainable groundwater management. This all-day event will be held in person at the California Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento and online via Zoom.

If interpretation is requested (either in-person or virtual), please email sgmps@water.ca.gov and we will do our best to make accommodations.

When: November 18, 2024

Where: Participants can join in person at California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P St, Sacramento, CA 95814, or online via Zoom.

Registration: <https://SGMA10Year.eventbrite.com> *Virtual attendees will be emailed a Zoom link prior to the event.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 18, 2024



 MADERA COUNTY
FARM BUREAU

AG PLASTIC CONTAINER RECYCLE EVENT

Recycling & shredding provided by Interstate Ag Plastics
Supported by Ag Container Recycling Council

Accepting:

- Triple rinsed pesticide containers (inspection mandatory & containers must be clean)
- 30 or 55 gallon drums (must be cut in half or quarters lengthwise *top to bottom*)
- Caps, labels, and bungs must be removed
- No bulk cage type containers
- No trash or poly pipe

MCFB Parking Lot
1102 S Pine St
Madera, CA 93637

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Register
Today!



MADERA/CHOWCHILLA
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

**ANY CONTAINERS NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

The Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District has funding for **FREE Technical Assistance for pollinator habitat** on agricultural operations and working lands. We 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.

Find native plant supplies and other materials, if needed.

Monitor habitat and suggest maintenance annually.

Questions? Contact Amy amy@maderachowchillarcdd.org or Kevin kevin@maderachowchillarcdd.org for more information.

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 for:

- Increase presence and pollinator habitat on public and working lands, including agricultural lands.

Who can qualify for the program?

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

WE OFFER:

- Free Technical Assistance
- Help with the design and implementation of viable habitat restoration projects for landscapes.
- Funding for the preparation of pollinator habitat in consultation and materials for native plant plugs and seeds.
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance assistance.

For more information, contact Amy at amy@maderachowchillarcdd.org or Kevin at kevin@maderachowchillarcdd.org.

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 for:

- Increase diversity of pollinator species on your operation by providing appropriate native plant habitat.

Who can qualify for the program?

- Agriculture operations in Madera and Chowchilla.
- Small and historically disadvantaged growers are strongly encouraged to apply.

WE OFFER:

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

For more information, contact Amy at amy@maderachowchillarcdd.org or Kevin at kevin@maderachowchillarcdd.org.

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 FALL CONSTRUCTION PLAN

TO SCHEDULE AN EVALUATION PLEASE CONTACT:

KEVIN REYES
kevin@maderachowchillarcdd.org
529-754-0748

Logos for Stanislaus, Merced, and Madera counties, and the CDFA.

EVALUACIONES DE RIEGO
CONDADOS DE STANISLAUS, MERCED Y MADERA

¡SERÁ GRATIS!

¡MÁS QUE UN ESPECIALISTA EN RIEGO EVALÚA SU SISTEMA DE RIEGO GRATIS!

ELLOS:

- ✓ Realizarán de una evaluación en el campo
- ✓ Identificarán cualquier ineficiencia del sistema
- ✓ Desarrollarán un plan de construcción de riego

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



LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE & STEWARDSHIP WEBINAR SERIES

Join us for our 3-part series bringing attention to the essential topic of long-term maintenance for fuels and forest health projects. Learn from topic experts and discuss challenges and solutions with other organizations from the Southern Sierra!

Prescribed Grazing for Consumption of Wildfire Fuels

October 17, 2024

🕒 10:00-12:00

Prescribed & Cultural Burning for Maintenance and Stewardship

November 12, 2024

🕒 9:30-12:00

Herbicides for Regrowth Management and Desired Species Protection

January/February, 2025

🕒 Time TBD



Register Now for Session #1 - Prescribed Grazing

<https://bit.ly/47P9ndD>

OTHER NEWS



Smoke From Megafires Puts Orchard Trees at Risk

By Amy Quinton

Long-term smoke exposure from massive wildfires lowers the energy reserves of orchard trees and can cut their nut production by half, researchers at the University of California, Davis, found. The smoke can affect trees for months after a megafire, depressing their bloom and the next season's harvest. This finding reveals a new danger from wildfires that could affect plant health in both agricultural and natural environments.

Nature Plants published [the study](#) released October 2.

“A lot of research focuses on the impact of smoke on humans but there is less study on

the effects of smoke on plant health,” said lead author Jessica Orozco, a postdoctoral researcher with the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences. “Our study suggests that trees are just as vulnerable as humans.”

[Click here](#) to read more.



Sign up now for an early registration discount to the 43rd annual Fresno State Agribusiness Management Conference taking place on Wednesday, November 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Pardini's Banquets, 2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno.

Keynote presentations will feature state legislation consultant George Soares and Wells Fargo chief agricultural economist Michael Swanson. Special industry panels will also focus on changing land use policy and regulations, investment inflows and sustainability issues.

Registration costs go up after November 1.

Contact luzmendoza@mail.fresnostate.edu for sponsorship opportunities and additional event information.

To register or for more information, visit [here](#).

NRCS Announces \$100 Million in Federal Assistance for California Farmers and Ranchers



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

EQIP

The USDA [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) (NRCS) in California has announced federal assistance opportunities for agricultural producers for Fiscal Year 2025, which runs from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Farmers and ranchers interested in applying for the first round of funding through the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP) should [submit applications](#) by November 15, 2024.

Over \$100 million is available for various conservation initiatives, including air and water quality improvements, wildlife habitat creation, and water infrastructure enhancements. Key programs include the [National Air Quality Initiative](#) (NAQI), which helps farmers replace outdated engines with cleaner technology, and the [National Water Quality Initiative](#) for conservation efforts to improve water quality.

Save the Date for CA Tree School 2025!

Mark your calendars for next year's CA Tree School! Our Forest Stewardship team is bringing Tree School to two new locations:

**CA Tree School- Santa Cruz on April 5th at the Mt. Madonna School,
Watsonville CA**

**CA Tree School- Oakhurst on April 12th at the Yosemite Adult School,
Oakhurst CA**

Tree School 2025 is an exciting chance to expand your knowledge of forest management, connect with other landowners and forest enthusiasts, and meet natural resource professionals from UC ANR.

[For More Information](#)

Visit our website at:
maderacountywater.com

Have questions on your allocation, measurement, or any other GSA concern? [Schedule an appointment](#) with us! We can also be reached at (559) 662-8015, at the County Government Building on the third floor, or you can visit us online at maderacountywater.com.



Snow will be here soon...
