



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

OCTOBER 2024



LAND REPURPOSING



The Pre-Application is Now Available!

All parties who are interested in participating in the MLRP Madera program and funding opportunity must first submit a [Pre-Application](#) prior to **November 22, 2024**. This is the deadline for the pre-application and eligibility screening process. Applicants who pass the eligibility screening will be invited to develop full project proposals, which will not be due until February 2025. All GSAs in Madera County are eligible for this program.

How to Apply

There are three options for applicants to fill-out and submit the Pre-Application Form.

1. Online: [Click here](#) for the online form (*recommended option*)
2. Email: Fill out the [Pre-Application Form \(fillable PDF file\)](#), save a copy, and email it to mlrp@maderacounty.com. Please put the name of the applicant in the subject line of the email.
3. Mail: Fill out the [Pre-Application Form \(fillable PDF file\)](#), print it out, and send via mail to Madera County Water and Natural Resources Department, 200 W. Fourth Street, Madera, CA 93637.

Questions and Requests for Assistance

If you have any questions or need special assistance (such as language assistance) with the Pre-Application Form, please email mlrp@maderacounty.com. To find the Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan and the Overview of the Madera County MALRP go to: [Multibenefit Land Repurposing Page](#)

Upcoming Workshops for Pre-Applicants

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*

*Link provided with
registration

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Please register to attend a meeting by using the links or QR codes provided.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- 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!

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](#).

PROGRAM PARTNERS AND PRESENTERS



All landowners interested in participating in the Madera MLRP program are strongly encouraged to join an upcoming workshop.

The Pre-Applicant Workshops will provide important information about the MLRP Madera program project proposal requirements and technical assistance resources available. Participants are strongly encouraged to fill out a [Pre-Application](#) prior to the workshops to ensure that they are eligible to participate in the program.

Workshop Topics:

- 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.

Register for a Workshop Now!

- **In-Person Workshop**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Madera County Farm Bureau

1102 South Pine Street Madera, CA 93637

Registration Link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1043230720167?aff=oddtcreator>

Walk-ins are welcome to the in-person workshop.

- **Virtual Workshop**

Friday, November 8, 2024

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Registration Link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1043245765167?aff=oddtcreator>

To receive a link to our virtual workshop, please make sure to register.

[Pre-App Workshops Flyer Spanish \(1\)](#)

[Pre-Applicant Workshops Flyer \(1\)](#)

SGMA EVENTS



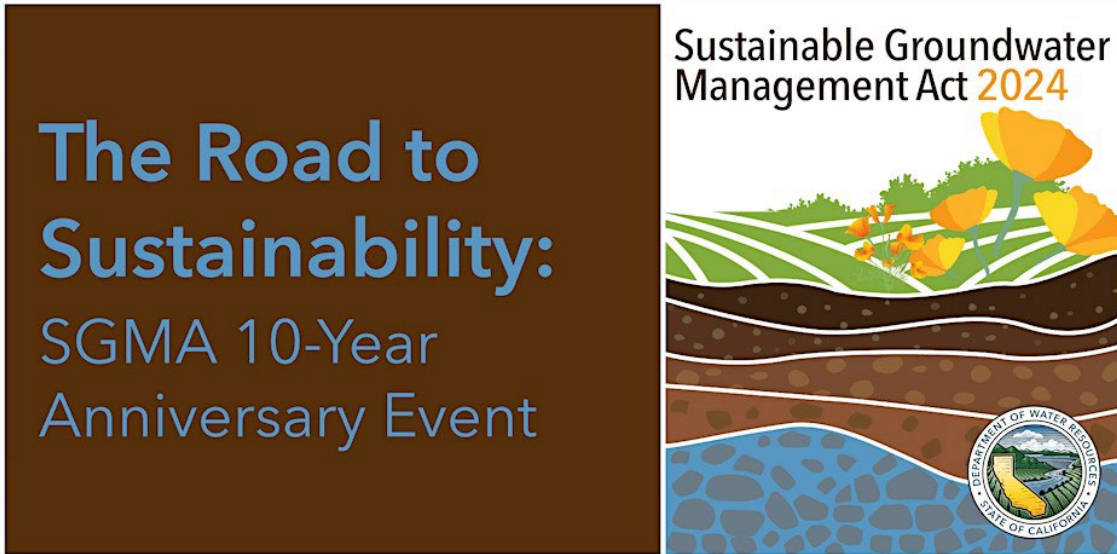
APG expects this event to be a blockbuster workshop with a cast of great representatives from academia, irrigation districts, Ground Water Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), and local Central Valley farmers. Join for an essential Recharge Day, where industry leaders, researchers, and experts come together to discuss the future of water sustainability in agriculture.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

The workshop will be held on **October 24, 2024** at the International Agri-Center, Banquet Hall, Tulare, CA.

[Cultivating a Sustainable Future: Water and Recharge Strategies | October 24, 2024](#)

www.eventcreate.com



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.*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) announces \$100 Million in federal assistance for California farmers and ranchers.

Visit the [NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program page](#) to learn more or to [apply](#).

Check out this this helpful [article](#).



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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



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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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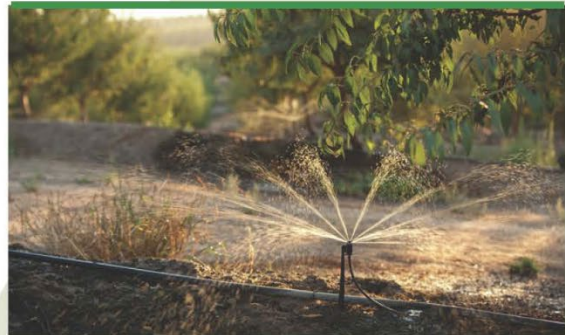
CONDADOS DE STANISLAUS
MERCED MADERA

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
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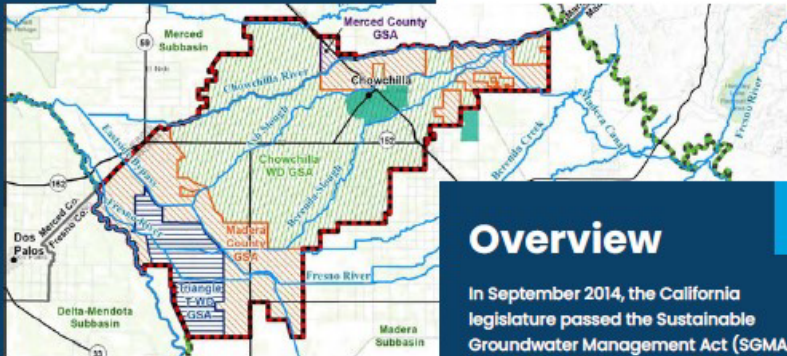
INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2024



Overview

In September 2014, the California legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), establishing new measures for groundwater management and regulation statewide. SGMA provides for local control of groundwater resources while requiring sustainable management of the state's groundwater basins. Under the provisions of SGMA, local agencies must establish governance of their subbasins by forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) with the authority to develop, adopt, and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the subbasin.

The Chowchilla Subbasin covers approximately 146,000 acres in Merced and Madera Counties. There are four GSAs that represent the subbasin - Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County GSA, Merced County GSA, and Triangle T Water District GSA.

Chowchilla Subbasin GSP

As required by SGMA, the four GSAs submitted Chowchilla Subbasin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in January 2020. The purpose of this GSP is to characterize groundwater conditions in the Subbasin, to evaluate and report on conditions of overdraft, to establish sustainability goals, and to describe projects and management actions the GSAs will implement to achieve sustainable groundwater management by 2040.

The GSAs have submitted three revised GSPs - July 2022, May 2023 and August 2024 - following feedback and collaboration from the Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board.



Learn more about
the Chowchilla
Subbasin GSP

DWR's Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update

The DWR has released the [Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update](#).

This report looks at groundwater conditions after California's record-setting 2023 Water Year and during the average 2024 Water Year. It also highlights groundwater conditions from the initial decade of SGMA implementation (2014–2024). The update includes data from local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) across 99 basins, which represent over 90% of the state's groundwater use.

Executive Order (“EO”) N-3-24

Governor issues executive order terminating emergency groundwater well permitting requirements.

To learn more, read the [Executive Order N-3-24](#) or check out this helpful [article](#).

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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