



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

NOVEMBER 2024



2024 VERIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Verification Project commenced in August this year, and the Madera County GSA has already gathered high-quality meter data. At the end of the year, this data will be compared with measurements from other satellite-based methods, including Land IQ and Irrigate-Hydrostat. All participants will have the opportunity to review

the results at that time. The Water Resources Specialists are actively coordinating with participating growers to conduct on-site field work and gather verification data.

LAND REPURPOSING

Save the Date!



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

[Directions
CLICK HERE](#)

[REGISTER 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!

MLRP 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](#).



Registration to attend the Agave 101 Workshop is not required; however, registration to attend the Field Demonstration is required. Please [register for the Field Demonstration](#).

[MLRP-MCC Agave Workshop Flyer](#)

The Pre-Application Window is Closing Soon!

Thank you for attending the Madera County Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) workshop for pre-applicants that was held virtually on November 8. We appreciate your participation and interest in the program!

As we shared in the workshop, the next step for participating in the Madera County MLRP is to submit a [Pre-Application Form](#) by the **November 22 deadline**. The form is a required first step to ensure eligibility before you begin developing a full application. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Pre-Application, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via email at mlrp@maderacounty.com.

Pre-Applications will be reviewed following the November 22 deadline. Each pre-applicant will receive a response from the Madera MLRP team by December 4 with notification of eligibility. Pre-applicants that meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to participate in the full application development process, including more information about accessing technical assistance services. The Full-Application template document will also be provided at that time.

Helpful Documents and Reference Materials

All the documents and materials that were referenced at the workshop are available [HERE](#). The files in the folder include:

- November 8 Pre-Applicant Workshop Slide Deck
- Full Recording of the November 8 Pre-Applicant Workshop (slightly edited to remove the brief portion of meeting when the “Zoombombing” occurred)
- [Pre-Application Form](#)

- Program Overview and Requirements Summary Document
- Madera County Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan
- Funding Sources Memo (list of other potential funding sources)
- Maps (showing the parcels that fall within priority zones)
- Approved MLRP Project Examples (from other regional MLRP programs)

Materials and information in Spanish are available upon request.

MADERA SUBBASIN JOINT GSP AMENDMENT

Public Review Draft and Comment Period

The public review draft of the Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Amendment is now available for review at

<https://www.maderacountywater.com/madera-subbasin/>

The public comment period is open through **December 20, 2024**. To submit comments, please email stephanie.anagnoson@maderacounty.com.

For questions about accessing the draft amendment of the Madera Subbasin Joint GSP, please contact us at (559) 662-8015.

Public Webinar

Please join an upcoming public webinar on the draft amendment of the Madera Subbasin Joint GSP scheduled for **December 5, 2024 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm**.

The webinar will be held on [Zoom](#).

OTHER 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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OFFICE@MADERAFB.COM

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559.674.8871



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Today! ←



MADERA/CHOWCHILLA
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

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

[Register today!](#)



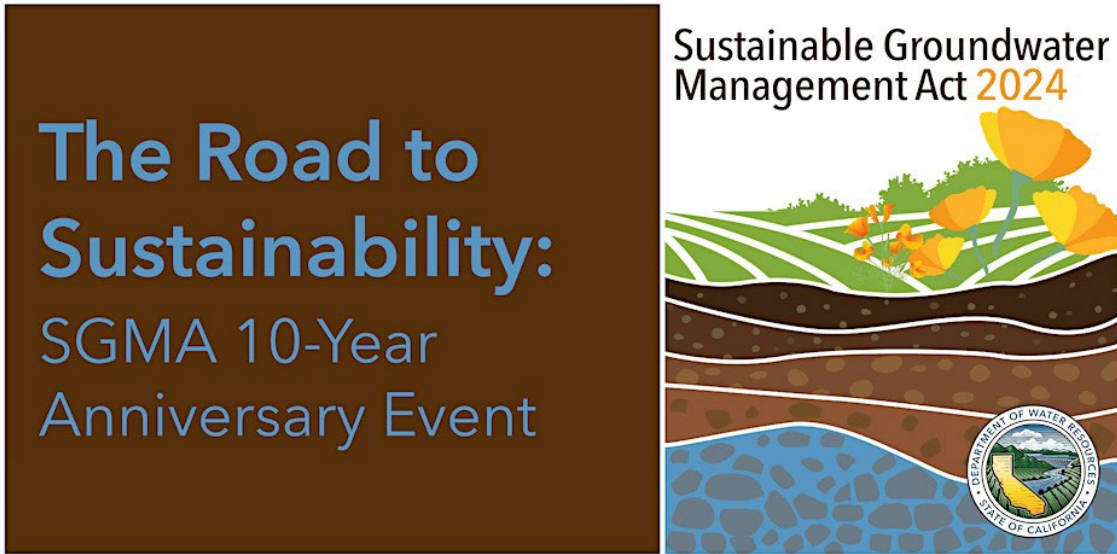
Olio Nuovo Festival 2024

The UC Davis Olive Center in collaboration with Séka Hills and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has created the 2024 limited edition Olio Nuovo from the UC Davis Wolfskill Experimental Orchard and the plantings at the blue hills tribal land in the Capay Valley. In conjunction with this year's UC Davis Olive Center Olio Nuovo Festival, the Center is offering two short, in-person classes on the “Grow Olive Trees in your Garden: Basics of Planting and Care” and “Olive Oil Appreciation: How to Select and Enjoy it” at the Good Life Garden and at the Sensory theater located at the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science with the support of Novavine Olive Nursery. Come and learn basics of growing olive trees, what makes and olive oil great, and taste our freshest extra virgin olive oil, that is now becoming a yearly tradition!

- **Saturday November 23, 2024**

- Robert Mondavi Institute, Sensory Building Lobby Area – 392 Old Davis Road, Davis CA 95616
- 12:00 – 3:00 PM Olio Nuovo Release, Tasting and Sale of our Current Oil Selection. For the purchase of two or more Olio Nuovo bottles, you can take home an olive tree courtesy of Novavine (until supplies last).
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM Grow Olive Trees in your Garden: Basics of Planting and Care class (Event FREE)
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Olive Oil Appreciation: How to Select and Enjoy it class (Registration needed)

[Register and/or learn more](#)



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

Last Chance to Take Advantage!

IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS

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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:

KEVIN REYES
programs@maderachowchillarc.org
559-755-5148



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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