



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

Madera and Chowchilla Subbasin Updates

Friendly reminder to join the online public workshop on the Chowchilla Subbasin 2025 Revised GSP scheduled today January 24, 2025 at 10:00am. The workshop will be held on [Zoom](#).

CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN 2025 REVISED GSP

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OPEN AGAIN

| 2025 REVISED GSP | SUBMIT COMMENTS | PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD | ONLINE PUBLIC WORKSHOP |
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| A copy of the revised GSP can be found at www.maderacountywater.com/chowchilla-subbasin | Comments on the revised GSP can be submitted via email to the Plan Manager at dwelch@cwdwater.com | The 30-day public review period began on January 15, 2025 and will end on February 17, 2025. | January 24, 2025 10 a.m. via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81282828282 |

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) REVISIONS OVERVIEW

As of January 2025, the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Chowchilla Subbasin have revised the Subbasin GSP on four occasions. Following is a brief summary of the revisions made through various sections of the GSP.

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| GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN JULY 2022 | Addressed the potential deficiencies identified by DWR in their January 2022 consultation letter, and discussed during five DWR consultation meetings between December 2021 and May 2022; summarized the progressive implementation actions taken by the GSAs since submission of the GSP in January 2020; recognized the Subbasin GSAs' clear and formal commitment to fund and implement a Domestic Well Mitigation Program beginning no later than January 1, 2023, including the execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU); and reaffirmed commitment to implementing the GSP and achieving sustainable groundwater conditions by 2040. |
| GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN MAY 2023 | Resolved the remaining deficiencies identified by DWR in their March 2023 consultation letter related to groundwater levels and subsidence through establishment of more conservative sustainable management criteria related to groundwater levels and subsidence rates in the Subbasin; reaffirmed commitment to upholding the Human Right to Water and to sustainably manage groundwater in the Subbasin for all beneficial uses and users; provided updates to recognize the launch and current status of the Domestic Well Mitigation Program in 2023; clarified the benefits of projects and management actions to all sustainability indicators; provided updates on further efforts to implement projects and management actions since July 2022; and reaffirmed GSP implementation will achieve sustainable groundwater conditions by 2040, in accordance with SGMA. |
| GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN AUGUST 2024 | Amended the Domestic Well Mitigation Program to include mitigation for water quality; developed an MOU between the GSAs and the Chowchilla Management Zone; completed a detailed critical infrastructure review and revised subsidence SMC; and developed a Demand Management And Subsidence MOU. |
| GSP REVISIONS COMPLETED IN JANUARY 2025 | Deleted "same" in the definition of an undesirable result for the Reduction of Groundwater Storage sustainability indicator, modified the Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels undesirable result definition slightly to add numerical values, added additional supporting language in the Revised GSP to further highlight a cap of 75 domestic wells impacted by groundwater level decline stemming from a downward revision of the interim milestones, and highlighted that a domestic well "trigger" is likely to be developed as part of preparing the Demand Management and Subsidence Mitigation Program that would trigger action ahead of reaching the cap. |



Learn more about the Chowchilla GSP



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2025 Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Amendment and Public Hearing

A reminder that on January 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., the Madera County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at their special meeting in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at the Madera County Government Center, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

The hearing will focus on the adoption of the Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Plan 2025 Amendment. The meeting will also be live-streamed on the [Madera County Board Meeting portal](#) for those unable to attend in person.

To review the 2025 Madera Subbasin Joint GSP Amendment in advance, visit <https://www.maderacountywater.com/madera-subbasin/>.

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