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Madera Subbasin Coordination Committee Releases Final Draft of the Madera Subbasin Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

Madera, Calif. – The Madera Subbasin Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Joint GSP) for the Madera Subbasin is available for a 90-day review and comment period. The Joint GSP has been prepared in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to achieve groundwater sustainability in a subbasin by 2040. The Joint GSP GSAs include City of Madera GSA, Madera County GSA, Madera Irrigation District GSA and Madera Water District GSA. Combined, the Joint GSP GSAs are responsible for approximately 95% of the subbasin. Preparation of the Joint GSP was funded primarily through a State grant, complimented by staff and resources from each GSA.

The full document is available online at www.maderacountywater.com/maps/madera-subbasin/ and hard copies are available at the following locations:

1. Madera Public Library, 121 N G St, Madera, CA 93637
2. City of Madera, 205 W 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
3. Madera County, Clerk of the Board, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
4. Madera County, Water and Natural Resources Department, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
5. Madera Irrigation District, 12152 Road 28 ¼, Madera, CA 93637
6. Madera Water District at Blankenship & Co., 1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105, Madera, CA 93638

Please note that this is a large planning document and it is available for review purposes only at these locations. If you wish to print your own version of the document, you can print from here: www.maderacountywater.com/maps/madera-subbasin/.

Comments can be submitted either:

- by email to maderaGSPComments@maderacounty.com, or
- by U.S. mail to: Stephanie Anagnoson, Plan Manager, Madera County Water & Natural Resources, 200 West 4th Street, Suite 4200, Madera, CA 93637.

All comments must be received by November 11, 2019.

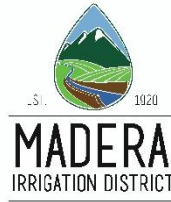
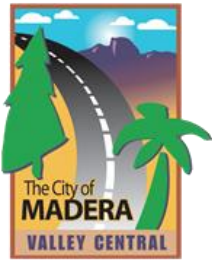
The four GSAs will adopt or amend the Joint GSP after public hearings held at least 90 days after providing notice to City of Madera and Madera County. Meeting times and locations will be posted at www.maderacountywater.com as they are set by each GSA. Once adopted, the Joint GSP will govern sustainable groundwater management actions within each GSA's jurisdictional boundaries located in the

Madera Subbasin. The four GSAs will jointly submit the Joint GSP prior to the regulatory deadline of January 31, 2020 to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for review and approval.

The purpose of the Joint GSP is to characterize groundwater conditions in the Madera Subbasin, evaluate and report on conditions of overdraft, establish sustainability goals, and to describe programs and management actions the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) will implement to achieve sustainable groundwater management by 2040.

This GSP also serves to comply with DWR’s requirements that the Madera Subbasin GSAs prepare, adopt and implement a plan “consistent with the objective that a basin be sustainably managed within 20 years of Plan implementation without adversely affecting the ability of an adjacent basin to implement its Plan or achieve and maintain its sustainability goal over the planning and implementation horizon” as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 23 (CCR), Section 350.4 (f) that detail the requirements and components of the Joint GSP.

The Joint GSP also includes a formal Coordination Agreement (Agreement) with three other GSAs in the Madera Subbasin who are each preparing individual GSPs. Those GSAs include Gravelly Ford Water District GSA, Root Creek Water District GSA, and New Stone Water District GSA. These three individual GSPs, in combination with the Joint GSP and the Agreement, address sustainability for the entire Madera Subbasin.



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