

MID AND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

The Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MID GSA) is beginning a series of articles related to groundwater and groundwater management in Madera along with information on how you can become further involved in the process.

This initial set of articles is a refresher on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and how groundwater management is structured in the Madera Subbasin. **The first step for a landowner or stakeholder is to determine which Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) their land is in. MID GSA has created an interactive map to allow you to determine this easily, click on the following link and simply zoom to your parcel or type in your address in the upper right hand corner. - <http://bit.ly/MIDGSA18>**

Stay tuned--upcoming articles will include topics such as the Groundwater Sustainability Planning (GSP) process, Preliminary Water Budgets, MID GSA management, and public participation opportunities.

The best way to receive information is to subscribe to our email distribution list. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being added to the list please contact Andrea Sandoval at 559-673-3514 or asandoval@madera-id.org.

A REFRESHER ON THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT AND MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STATE LEVEL

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

On Sept. 16, 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law a three-bill legislative package related to groundwater in the State of California. This three-bill legislation is known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). The SGMA provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local agencies, with a limited role for state intervention only if necessary to protect the resource. The act requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) that must assess conditions in their local water basins and adopt locally-based management plans known as Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP).



Additional information can be found on the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) website, <https://www.water.ca.gov/sgma>.

REGIONAL LEVEL

The Madera Subbasin

The Madera Irrigation District lies within the Madera Subbasin. The Madera Subbasin is bordered by the foothills on the east, San Joaquin River on the south, approximately the Eastside Bypass on the west, and the Chowchilla Water District boundary on the north. The Madera Subbasin includes seven local agencies which have formed Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to manage groundwater within the Madera Subbasin. These agencies include representation of the City of Madera, Madera County, Madera Water District, Root Creek Water District, Gravelly Ford Water District, and New Stone Water District, along with Madera Irrigation District.



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Every parcel within the Madera Subbasin will be managed by one (1) of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies which has already formed. To determine which agency will be managing groundwater in relation to your land refer to the Madera Subbasin GSA map - <http://bit.ly/MIDGSA18>

The Madera Subbasin received a \$1.5 million grant from the State of California to assist with the cost in developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Madera Subbasin. The participating GSAs have formed a Coordination Committee and are currently working on tasks associated with GSP development including establishing the Madera Subbasin objectives, reviewing technical data, and public outreach.

More information on the Madera Subbasin can be found at <http://www.maderacountywater.com/>.

LOCAL LEVEL

Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MID GSA) was formed in July 2016 to manage groundwater within its jurisdiction. The MID GSA jurisdiction encompasses the land within the Madera Irrigation District boundary with the exception of those parcels within the City of Madera and Madera Water District, refer to enclosed map. The MID GSA is approximately 134,000 acres of primarily agriculture and rural residential.



Thus, if your land is in MID, and it is not also within the Madera City limits or in Madera Water District, then MID GSA is your Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

The MID Board of Directors sits as the Board of Directors for the MID GSA. The MID GSA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at MID's office located at 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera.

More information on the MID GSA is available on MID's website at www.madera-id.org.

KEY ACRONYMS IN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

SGMA:	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014
DWR:	California Department of Water Resources, the state agency tasked with assisting in implementing SGMA
SWRCB:	California's State Water Resources Control Board, the state agency tasked with intervention and enforcement
GSA:	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP:	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
MID GSA:	Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency



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