

Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Advisory Committee Releases Final Draft of the Chowchilla Subbasin Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Joint GSP)

Chowchilla, CA – The Chowchilla Subbasin Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Chowchilla 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 Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County GSA, County of Merced Chowchilla GSA and Triangle T Water District GSA. 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/chowchilla-subbasin/ and hard copies are available at the following locations:

- Madera County Public Library, Chowchilla Branch, 300 Kings Ave., Chowchilla, CA 93610
- Chowchilla Water District, 327 S. Chowchilla Blvd., Chowchilla, CA 93610
- Merced County, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340
- Madera County, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
- Triangle T Water District 4400 Hays Drive, Chowchilla, CA 93610

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 copy of the document, you can print from here:

www.maderacountywater.com/maps/chowchilla-subbasin/

Comments can be submitted either:

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

All comments must be received by November 11, 2019

The four GSA's will adopt or amend the Joint GSP after public hearings held a least 90 days after providing notice to City of Chowchilla, Madera County and Merced 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 Chowchilla 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 Chowchilla 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 Chowchilla Subbasin GSAs prepare, adopt and implement a plan *"consistent with the objective that a subbasin 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.