



Regional Water Management Group

LOCATION: Online (ZOOM)

MINUTES

Monday, July 27, 2026, 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm, by Carl Janzen, Vice chairperson.

Those present included:

Allison Medley – Madera County
Becky Horn – Triangle T WD / CMZ
Carl Janzen – Madera ID
Dinal Nolan – Madera ID
Fahed Mosleh – Madera County

Gretchen Heisdorf – Root Creek WD
Jacob Roberson – RWMG Coordinator
Jerod Weeks – Madera County
Keith Helmuth – City of Madera
Kevin Sischo – Madera County

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- No motion was made due to not having a quorum present.

3. Public Comment

- Items of interest were mentioned by Jacob R (for more information, reach out to Jacob):
 - In May, the first California Water Plan 2028 Advisory Meeting was held. The meeting materials, including the livestream recordings, are now available online.
 - On August 25th and 26th, DWR will be hosting the second California Water Plan 2028 Advisory Meeting in Southern California in Alhambra. Interested parties can attend either in person or via livestream.
 - DWR has released the Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Groundwater Update.
 - On April 20th, DWR hosted a joint webinar on the two grant programs for Prop 4. The recording for this webinar is now available online.
 - The amended GSP for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin is now posted on the SGMA Portal and is open for public comment through August 15th.
 - An upcoming symposium to recognize Senate Bill 552 accomplishments will be held on September 24th from 1 pm – 5 pm at the CNRA Auditorium. Interested parties can also attend via livestream.
 - DWR has announced the successful completion and closeout of the Prop 1 IRWM DACTI Grant Program, and a summary report is available online.

4. Discussion & Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

- July 2026 Financial Report
 - Jacob R reported on the finances for April and May:
 - We began April with \$49,223.71:
 - Received in membership dues from one paying member for a total of \$2,850 for incoming expenses, and had one outgoing expense for \$99 (February website maintenance).
 - We began May with \$51,974.71:
 - We had no incoming expenses, and 3 outgoing expenses:

- \$4,724 for the group coordinator position (February and March)
 - \$198 for website maintenance (March and April)
 - \$159.90 for Zoom annual subscription
- We began June with \$46,892.81:
 - We had no incoming expenses, and 2 outgoing expenses:
 - \$4,724 for the group coordinator position (May and June)
 - \$99 for website maintenance (May)
 - This leaves us with \$42,069.81 at the end of June, with no activity in July.
- No motion was made due to not having a quorum present.

5. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- San Joaquin Valley
 - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone
 - Becky H reported that the Modesto Management Zone (MZ) MOU with the Regional Board was approved. This approval is for a 35-year period. Remaining MZs are looking to have their MOUs approved as a group since they will mirror Modesto's. The remaining MZs will submit their MOUs to the Regional Board in a year or so.

6. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant

- Gretchen H provided an update on the various projects going on under the SGMA Grant:
 - Projects are moving forward:
 - Project 1: Progress Report and Pay Request 16 are in development. Amendment to shift funds for Project 3 was submitted today, 7/27.
 - Projects 2, 4 & 5: Complete.
 - Project 3: Madera WD project is ongoing.

7. Discussion – Prop 4 Funding

- Jacob R provided an update on the Prop 4 funding, focusing on the Watershed Resilience Grant Program:
 - Prop 4:
 - Total of \$10 billion bond which will be administered by multiple state agencies.
 - There will be a two-step application process:
 - First step will be to submit a concept proposal.
 - Second step is to submit a full proposal if invited to do so.
 - Guidelines are still being drafted, but they are anticipating them to be available for public comment in the fall, with the comment period being 60-days.
 - Expecting to open up for concept proposals in early 2027, with awards expecting to be announced in late 2027 or early 2028.

- Eligible applicants include public agencies, local agencies, nonprofit organizations, special districts, joint powers authorities, tribes, public utilities, and mutual water companies.
- No cost share is required.
- Up to 25% advanced payment to initiate an awarded project.
- Indirect costs will be considered eligible costs.
- Watershed Resilience Grant Program:
 - They are working with IRWM to develop guidelines for about \$152 million in Prop 4 dedicated money to Watershed Resilience. Funding is not limited to IRWM groups, but they can apply.
 - \$100 million for Watershed Resilience projects, and \$75 million for conservation projects before administrative costs are removed (\$23 million between the two).
 - Conservation projects will be projects that have a primary benefit of water savings and watershed resilience funding will be for projects that are related to IRWM which will improve climate resilience on a watershed basis.
 - Eligible applications must be submitted on behalf of a collaborative group that has vetted the projects.
 - They are expecting to host two more workshops where updates will be shared and input will be gathered to help shape this program and the solicitation.

8. New/Suggested Members for the Madera RWMG

- No new members suggested.

9. Future Agenda Items

- No new items suggested.

10. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2026, on Zoom

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.