



Regional Water Management Group

LOCATION: Online (ZOOM)

MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026, 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm, by Bobby Macaulay, Chairperson.

Those present included:

Al Solis – QK Inc / SEMCU

Allison Medley – Madera County

Becky Horn – Triangle T WD / CMZ

Bobby Macaulay – Madera County

Carl Janzen – Madera ID

Celeste Wheeler – Indian Lakes

Clyde Wheeler – Indian Lakes

Dinal Nolan – Madera ID

Fahed Mosleh – Madera County

Gretchen Heisdorf – Root Creek WD

Jacob Roberson – RWMG Coordinator

Jerod Weeks – Madera County

Kevin Sischo – Madera County

Sarah Woolf – Triangle T WD / CMZ

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):
 - The 2025 Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Annual Report is now available online.
 - The first of two California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fairs will be held on May 21st and the second Fair will be held on June 9th, from 9 am – 12 pm on both days. Attendees only need to attend one event.
 - The recording from the Prop 4 workshop held at the end of April will be available on the SGM Grant Program and Watershed Resilience Grant Program webpages sometime this month.
 - CAL FIRE announced the solicitation of the FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. Applications must be submitted no later than 3 pm July 8th.
 - CAL FIRE also announced the availability of \$30 million through a new Regional Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Grant Program. Concept proposals are due by 3 pm June 30th, and selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals.
 - DWR is hosting a workshop on May 27th at 10 am for an overview of the 2026 Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program.

4. Discussion & Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

- May 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
 - This leaves us with \$46,892.81 at the end of the month.
- No motion was made due to not having a quorum present.

7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- San Joaquin Valley
 - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone
 - Becky H reported that all Managements Zones (MZs) will implement a new method for reporting through the SALTS dashboard. Reporting was previously done on a shared Google spreadsheet, and information was being reported on tabs for the incorrect MZ. The new dashboard is not live, but is almost out of the test stage. The new dashboard should be live in the next month or so.
 - Becky added that during their meeting next week, members will be voting on making CMZ a nonprofit. This will pave the way for more opportunities to apply to different grants.
 - Sarah W commented that the MZ from Modesto has been in negotiation with the Regional Board on what their MOU will contain and what they are going to implement (Nitrate management practices, type of reporting, testing, long-term efforts) to meet the requirements of the Nitrogen Management Program. The MOU has been under negotiations for the past 6+ months and is about to be finalized and go to a full approval with the Regional Board on June 3rd in Sacramento. A lot of MZs will be providing presentations on how this is going to be implemented and what the challenges are with the Nitrogen Management Program as well as the successes. Modesto is the first MZ to have their MOU go in front of the Regional Board, and once Modesto's is in place, each MZ will also get their own MOU with the Regional Board with some slight modifications. Ultimately all MZs will be operating under a similar MOU.
 - Jacob R asked Sarah if Modesto is experiencing the same Nitrate levels as Madera/Chowchilla, and Sarah said their levels are higher due to a higher population, which has a higher impact on Nitrate levels in groundwater. Sarah also added that remediation efforts in higher population areas are going to be more difficult.

8. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant

- Gretchen H provided an update on the various projects going on under the SGMA Grant:
 - Projects continue to move forward:
 - Project 1: Progress Report and Pay Request 15 were submitted on May 11th. Request for \$8,404.20 was made.
 - Project 3: Madera WD project is ongoing. The project is working on an extension request through DSOD. Project is hoping that the vernal pools will dry and the lake is low enough to start construction. Request amount for \$323,854.50 was made.
 - Projects 2, 4 and 5 are complete.

9. New/Suggested Members for the Madera RWMG

- Clyde W recommended inviting the Quartz Mountain community to these meetings so they are aware of the different funding that is available. Bobby M added that we can check with the Public Works Department to see if there is a contact there who may be interested in attending.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Jacob R mentioned the Prop 4 funding again. Still waiting for documentation to come out surrounding this funding and what the application process is going to look like (guidelines). More to come during the July meeting.

11. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026, on Zoom

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.