

MID GSA - CITY OF MADERA GSA – MWD GSA

DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION PROGRAM (DWMP) PROGRAM SUMMARY

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The DWMP referenced here is for landowners within the boundaries of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MID GSA), the City of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agency (COM GSA), and the Madera Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MWD GSA) **only**. The DWMP is to mitigate domestic wells that have gone dry due to declining water levels. Participants must be the landowner of record on the deed of the property. Renters are encouraged to contact the landowner if they would like to participate, applications will only be accepted from the landowner.

Please visit www.madera-id.org to determine if you are in one of these GSAs and eligible for this program.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Participation in the Domestic Well Mitigation Program (DWMP) occurs in four phases:

PHASE 1 – APPLICATION

Submit a complete application and all required documents to the DWMP Administrator (Davids Engineering) for approval. The application is available online at www.madera-id.org or at the MID, City of Madera, or MWD offices. A non-refundable \$100 application fee and a site visit by the DWMP Administrator will be required.

Prior to submission of the application, the landowner shall complete an Initial Well Assessment Form (provided by the DWMP) using a driller on the “Pre-Approved Driller List”. The Initial Well Assessment Form must clearly identify and document the dry well is due to declining water levels only with the well for which mitigation is being sought, any cost associated with this initial assessment will be the responsibility of the landowner. The Initial Well Assessment Form must be completed within 45 calendar days prior to the application submittal date.

PHASE 2 – APPROVAL

The Landowner Approval Process Form will be signed by the DWMP Administrator and provided to the landowner. The DWMP Approval Date begins the start of the timeline. Within 30 calendar days of the DWMP Approval Date landowner will sign the Landowner Approval

Form and the One-Time DWMP Agreement at the MID office. Once documents are signed, the landowner will contact a well driller from the “Pre-Approved Driller List” and provide the driller with approval documentation. (Driller must sign the Landowner Approval Process Form **prior** to work beginning).

PHASE 3 – CONSTRUCTION & FINAL INSPECTION

Construction must begin within 180 calendar days from DWMP Approval Date. When the well is complete, the driller will provide “Well Driller Documents” to landowner. The landowner will contact the DWMP Administrator and provide the required documents for final inspection within 15 calendar days of completion. Failure to contact and provide the DWMP Administrator with the signed paperwork in the timeframe could result in forfeiture of the approved amount (up to \$35,000 per well) and removal from the DWMP.

PHASE 4 – PAYMENT

The DWMP will directly pay the well driller up to \$35,000 for the drilling of a new well (only). All additional costs above that amount or in addition to the drilling of the well itself will be the sole responsibility of the landowner. Additional costs not covered by this DWMP include, but are not limited to, drilling cost in excess of \$35,000, costs for pump installation, abandonment of old well, water testing, electrical work, trenching, piping, or other related components.

The well must be completed and all paperwork received by the DWMP within 195 calendar days of the DWMP Approval Date in Phase 2. If this does not occur, the approval will expire. Approved funding could be lost and reapplication to the DWMP could be required by the landowner with no guarantee of future funding. Landowners are **STRONGLY** encouraged to complete the process within the 195 calendar days timeframe.

REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY

- The replacement or modification of a domestic well located in the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MID GSA), the City of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agency (COM GSA), and the Madera Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MWD GSA) only.
- The applicant identified on the application must be the landowner of record on the deed of the property.
- A domestic well can only be mitigated one-time as part of the DWMP. The landowner must agree to the recordation of the One-Time DWMP Agreement against the title of the property. This recordation runs with the property.
- The DWMP reserves the right to determine if another method of mitigation would be more appropriate for a parcel including, but not limited to, connection to the City of Madera, a County Service Area, or another domestic water supplier. If this determination is made, the DWMP will work with the landowner to determine the cost and funding amount.

- This DWMP is administered only through Davids Engineering as the DWMP Administrator and the well drillers identified on the “Pre-Approved Drillers List”. Failure of a landowner to work with the DWMP Administrator or a driller from the “Pre-Approved Drillers List” will result in immediate removal from the DWMP and no contribution of costs from the program, no exceptions.
- The landowner cannot be delinquent on any billing for any of the participating agencies including the Madera Irrigation District, City of Madera, and Madera Water District. If a delinquency exists, it must be paid in full prior to submittal of the application.
- The eligibility of the landowner to participate in the program is at the sole discretion of the DWMP.
- The DWMP does not guarantee funding will be available. Funding will be based on availability, the approval process, and any other criteria determined by the agencies.
- The DWMP and Davids Engineering does not provide any warranty for the well, should an issue arise it is the responsibility of the landowner to contact the well driller for warranty information. Additionally, the DWMP does not provide the landowner any assurance of future groundwater levels or access to groundwater.

For questions regarding the DWMP, please contact the DWMP Administrator at dwmp@davidsengineering.com or (559) 655-9099.