Grower Recharge Workshop

Wednesday, July 13th, 2022 – 9:00am-11:30pm

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome and Introductions

9:05 – 9:20 Introduction to Recharge
Joe Choperena, Sustainable Conservation
- Current groundwater situation: how things changed with the leveeing of rivers and different irrigation practices
- Which recharge method is right for you?
- Is your site suitable for recharge?
- Being prepared to spread water when water is available

9:20 – 9:25 Sustainable Conservation Q&A Session

9:25 – 9:40 Benefits of Recharge in Almonds
Almond Board – Field Outreach and Education, Almond Board of California
- Detailed Practical Efforts

9:40 – 9:42 Almond Board Q&A Session

9:42 – 9:52 Chowchilla Management Zone
Kristi Robinson

9:52 – 9:54 Chowchilla Management Zone Q&A Session

9:54 – 10:04 Irrigated Lands Program (ESJ)
Christina Beckstead

10:04 – 10:06 Irrigated Lands Program (ESJ) Q&A Session

10:06 – 10:16 Chowchilla Water District
- CWD support for groundwater recharge. Amount of water available for recharge by growers in 2017 and 2019 and how much growers recharged during those years

10:16 – 10:18 Chowchilla Water District Q&A Session

10:18 – 10:38 NRCS Pilot Recharge Program
Wendy Rash, State Water Quality Specialist, NRCS and Priscilla Baker, NRCS
- Year 1 NRCS Recharge Pilot Project – Summary of funded projects in Madera County
- Pilot Project – On-farm recharge and recharge basins as NRCS practices

10:38 – 10:43 NRCS Q&A Session

10:43 – 10:58 Grower Experience with Recharge – Chase Hurley (Red Top area)
- History of flood events and grower’s outcomes

10:58 – 11:00 Red Top Q&A Session

11:00 – 11:30 Grower Discussion and Ongoing Recharge Projects
Closing Discussion/Questions and Thank You’s