Madera County GSA Dry Well Program
Eligible Funding Costs (07/08/2026)

Examples of Authorized and Unauthorized well components include but are not limited to:

Authorized

- Permitting fees related to the new domestic well
- Well drilling and installation of casing and sanitary seals Installation of a submersible pump (new or existing, if in good working order)
- Electrical wiring, conduit, and pump control components necessary to operate the domestic well
- Pitless adapter and wellhead fittings
- Pressure tank and pressure switch necessary to regulate household water pressure
- Trenching and installation of the water service line connecting the well to the residence
- Basic plumbing connections, valves, and appurtenances necessary to deliver water into the home
- Well completion activities, including system testing, startup, and disinfection
- Other reasonable and necessary components required to establish a functional domestic water supply system for the residence (e.g., minor fittings, connectors, or appurtenances integral to system operation)
- Destruction of the existing well

Unauthorized

- Lowering pump, deepening, or modifying an existing well in lieu of replacement
- Installation of a well with capacity exceeding that necessary for domestic household use ("oversized well")
- Exhibit A Storage tanks not necessary for basic domestic service
- Electrical upgrades beyond those required to operate the domestic well
- Water lines or plumbing systems serving non-residential structures (e.g., barns, shops, or agricultural uses)
- Backup, standby, or redundant water supply systems Irrigation, landscaping, or other non-domestic water system components (including sprinkler system connections)
- Landscaping, site improvements, or aesthetic enhancements (e.g. decorative enclosures, concrete pads beyond functional necessity, fencing for non-operational purposes) around the well site
- Any costs, components, or improvements that are not directly and solely necessary to restore basic domestic water service to the residence (e.g., system upgrades for increased capacity, convenience features, or nonessential improvements)

Existing well components will be reused when appropriate. Program funding shall not be used for any item that serves a purpose other than delivering water to the home for domestic use, or that is upgraded or equipped to serve a non-domestic use (i.e., a dual-purpose system).

All work performed under the Program shall be coordinated and completed by contractors authorized by the County GSA. Costs associated with work performed independently by the homeowner or by contractors or subcontractors not authorized by the County GSA shall not be eligible for Program funding.

The Program provides funding of up to $35,000 per eligible property. Any costs exceeding this amount shall be the responsibility of the landowner. For eligible landowners, additional funding may be available through Self Help Enterprises. Please contact the Program Administrator at (559) 655-6807 for further information.