



ABC's Training Tuesdays — Part Three

Groundwater Recharge: The Why and The How

February 2, 2021 | 8:00-9:30 a.m.

With potential new restrictions on groundwater pumping under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), managed groundwater recharge in working lands offers one of the most cost-effective methods for bringing basins into compliance by mitigating overdraft and improving water quality. During this training, experts and growers will walk through factors that should be considered when assessing whether an orchard is a good candidate for recharge. Growers who are actively conducting recharge will also share their experience and be available for questions during a Q&A session.

8:00-8:15 a.m. | Why Recharge?

Jesse Roseman, Principal Analyst, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs

- What is recharge and why should growers consider this practice?
- Management considerations: soil type, irrigation infrastructure, disease management

8:15-8:30 a.m. | Are You a Good Candidate for Recharge?

Daniel Mountjoy, Director of Resource Stewardship, Sustainable Conservation

- Statewide policy and water availability considerations
- Incentives for grower participation
- Nutrient management considerations

8:30-8:45 a.m. | Grower Testimonial: Dormant Season Recharge

Mark McKean, Grower, McKean Farms

- Conducting recharge via flood irrigation in an active almond orchard
- Considerations regarding soil type, cost, amount of water recharged

8:45-9:00 a.m. | Grower Testimonial: Sub-Surface Recharge

Greg Wegis, Grower, Wegis and Young

- Conducting sub-surface recharge via infrastructure installed beneath an active almond orchard
- Considerations regarding soil type, cost, amount of water recharged

9:00-9:30 a.m. | Q&A Session



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