

# Groundwater Recharge Pilot Program

September 2023



NRCS recognized groundwater depletion as a resource concern, and California NRCS developed two interim practice standards for groundwater recharge.

These interim practices must be field tested before being adopted into our Field Office Technical Guide.

Two interim practices are being tested:

- (code 815)- a dedicated, permanent (15 year lifespan) recharge feature
- (code 817)- active farmland flooded on an annual basis for recharge



## How does it work?

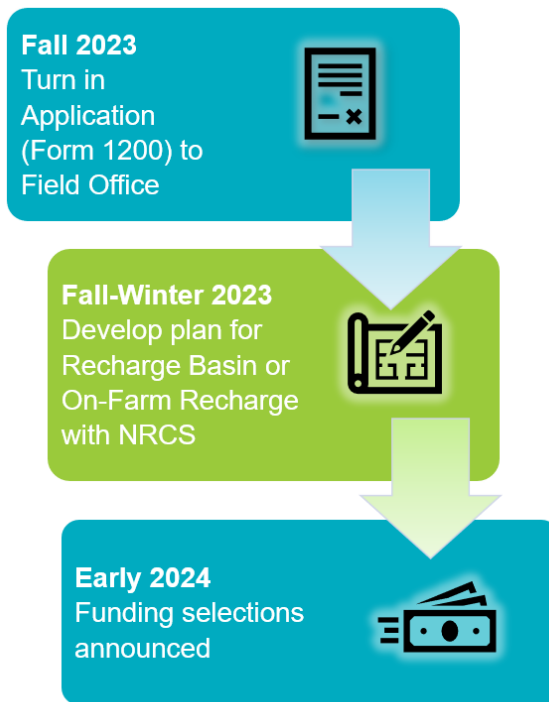
Applicants work with NRCS conservationists to develop a conservation plan including the recharge practices and any needed supporting practices.

Supporting practices can include:

- Pipeline
- Land shaping
- Pump
- Ditch
- Water control structures

## How can I participate?

Applications received in Fall of 2023 are for recharge to be completed in Fall-Winter 202 -25.



## Payment Rates

These are rates from 2023, subject to change:

- Basin: \$32- \$32 per AF storage
- Trench: \$3.5 per C e cavated
- On-Farm Recharge: \$103 per acre, per year

Contact your field office for further information:

Fresno Service Center	55 -27 -7
Madera Service Center	55 - 7 - 28
Merced Service Center	20 -722- 11
Bakersfield Service Center	1-281-27 5
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## Eligibility for 2023

Location:

- Madera County
- Fresno County (Fresno Irrigation District only)
- Merced County (Chowchilla Irrigation District only)
- Tulare County (Tulare Irrigation District or Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District only)
- Kern County (Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District only)

Water access:

- Irrigation District
- Winter flood water, with recharge water rights

Project site:

- Site suitability- soils and geology
- Nutrient and pest management plans
- Access to well for monitoring

Applicant:

- Landowner or leaseholder
- Irrigation District

