

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



Fig Trees in Madera County – Photo Credit: Donna Potter

The 35.9-mile-long Madera Canal carries water northerly from Millerton Lake to lands in Madera County. The canal, completed in 1945, has an initial capacity of 1,000 cubic feet per second, decreasing to 625 cfs at its terminus in the Chowchilla River. In 1965, the canal lining from the headworks to milepost 2.09 was raised so that 1,250 cfs could be diverted from Friant Dam. Like the Friant-Kern Canal, the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act authorizes a feasibility study to evaluate the restoration of the capacity of the canal as previously designed and constructed by Reclamation.

The Madera County Department of Agriculture is dedicated to promoting and protecting the agricultural industry of Madera County and protecting California agriculture from the spread of destructive pests, promoting the safe and responsible use of pesticides to allow for the protection of crops, and protecting human health and the environment. Some of the crops grown in Madera include: figs, almonds, nuts, pistachios, grapes, and alfalfa.

For more information on Madera Canal and Agriculture, please visit:

http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Project.jsp?proj_Name=Friant+Division+Project