

# Initial findings of water quality study discussed

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The quality of groundwater in Madera and Chowchilla is similar to that found in the east San Joaquin Valley, according to an area water assessment discussed Wednesday.

U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Jennifer Shelton explained the initial findings of tests of well water to about two dozen well owners and members of the public in the Madera City Council Chambers. The samples, from the Madera and Chowchilla groundwater basins and a small portion of Merced and Fresno counties, were taken last spring.

"The assessments will be available in 2010," Shelton said, "and information will be sent to well owners about concentrations of anything detected."

Information also will be made available at U.S. Geological Survey and the State Water Resources Control Board Web sites.

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