

Application for the 2024-2025 Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GKGSA”) Land Fallowing Pilot Program

The Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency has established a Land Fallowing Pilot Program in order to immediately reduce groundwater extraction within GKGSA’s jurisdictional boundaries, reduce impacts to domestic and irrigation wells, and effectuate the objectives of GKGSA’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”).

Any farm within GKGSA’s boundaries with four or more acres is eligible to bid. Grower must be in good standing with the GKGSA and compliant with all other rules, regulations, statutes, laws, etc.

Program’s process consists of a determination of need on the part of GKGSA, the submission of bids, scoring and awarding of bids, and post-award payment followed by verification and enforcement.

Bids. *Each bid must be sealed and submitted by email to tcoday@mgreencpas.com, or at the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Office, located at 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, California.*

Each bid shall be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, each bidder should be aware that GKGSA, as a public agency, is required to produce documents in response to requests made under the California Public Records Act (“CPRA”). Even though sealed, after the bidding process is complete and awards have been made, application materials will be susceptible to production to third parties under the CPRA.

Scoring Process. *Bids will be opened and scored by M. Green & Company, LLC, a neutral third party, who will utilize a blind process. Bids will be prioritized based upon greatest reduction of water usage at the lowest cost.*

Post-Award Payment. *Timing and Amount of Payments. Payments to those receiving awards will occur approximately fourteen (14) months following the start of the water year. Each party receiving an award will receive one (1) annual payment. The award recipient may elect to receive the award in December or January following the end of the contracted fallowing period.*

PILOT LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM SUBMISSION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Farming Operation _____

Please refer to your water dashboard at <https://gsawd.com/> in order to provide accurate information below.

Water Dashboard Number (upper left hand corner of dashboard):WD _____

List the fields you pledge to fallow below.

Water Account Number	APN	Dashboard Field Name	Crop Type	Dashboard Field Acres
WA _____				
WA _____				
WA _____				
WA _____				
Total acres to Fallow:				
COMPENSATION: Price grower is willing to accept per acre:				\$

Would you be interested in strategic recharge opportunities to put excess surface water/flood water on your fallowed land? YES ☐ / NO ☐

☐ I understand that if accepted, I am agreeing to fallow the above acreage(s) for a total of **one year** beginning October 1, 2024 through September 31, 2025 and that 1.87 acre feet per acre of water will be deducted from my dashboard for each acre fallowed.

Signature _____ Date _____