



The 2025/2026 Land Fallowing Pilot Program

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Previous Program Recap
- Program Overview
- Program Details
- Timeline
- Q/A - ask as we go

WY 2024 Land Fallowing Program Recap

- Bid, Scored by a 3rd Party
 - Landowners bid a \$ amount to fallow their land
 - Bids were accepted up to max budget of \$500,000.00 dollars approved by the GKGSA Board.
 - Landowners paid their bid amount after
- 10 growers accepted
- Average payout \$638.56/acre
- 410.09 acres fallowed
- 1107.243 AF of water saved

WY 2025 Fallowing Program Recap

- Uniform price auction
 - Landowners bid a \$ amount to fallow their land
 - Bids were accepted up to max budget of \$1 million dollars approved by the GKGSA Board.
- 15 growers accepted
- Payout \$500/acre
- 996.97 acres fallowed
- 1,509 AF of water saved

Program Impacts

- Immediate reduction in pumping helps to bring basin into compliance.
- Reduces impacts to domestic & irrigation wells
- Minimizes the effects of land subsidence.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Board approved \$400.00 per acre, with a maximum budget of \$1 million dollars.
- GSA determines the amount of acre feet of water to remove from the system based on the number of acres accepted into the program.
- Fallowing occurs for the water year 2026. October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026.
- Farmers are paid at the **end** of the fallowing period. Approx Dec 2026-Jan 2027.



Updated Program Details

- There will no longer be a bidding process, or a uniform price auction.
- There will be a fixed rate of \$400.00 per acre for each eligible acre.
- All applications will be reviewed and prioritized based on a first come first served basis.
- All applications will be accepted if applicant is in good standing** with the GSA.
- Once budget is met applications will no longer be accepted.



Application Process

- Applications will be assessed on field boundaries defined in the GKGSA dashboard.
- Must include APN & Field Information.
- Applicants may sign up for 1 year at a time.
- Submit applications to the Greater Kaweah GSA at 227 N West St. Visalia Ca 93291. By mail or in person.

Cost of program/payout

- Payments will be made +/-14 months from start of water year, (December 2026/January 2027)
- Following payment can offset pumping fees on remaining acres.
- Payment will be one annual deposit.
- Grower can elect to receive payment in December 2026 or January 2027



Other Information

Verification will be
done using
LandIQ

Cover crops are allowed via
rainwater only
Grazing OK
No harvesting

Verification will be
done using **ground**
truthing

TIMELINE

Sept 08, 2025	Board accepts applications
Sept 30, 2025	Inform applicants if they are accepted or not
Oct 1, 2025	Water Year starts
April 2026	Fallowing Verification
August 2026	Fallowing Verification
Sept 30, 2026	Water Year ends
<i>Dec/Jan 2026/27</i>	<i>Payments</i>

Questions?



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