

## **Application for the 2026-2027**

### **Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GKGSA”)**

### **Land Fallowing Program**

The Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency has established a Land Fallowing 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”).

The GKGSA Board is pleased to repeat the program again this year as it was successfully conducted last year. The program is set with a fixed price per acre providing predictability for participants. The program will involve the following:

#### **Eligibility.**

Any farmable land within GKGSA’s boundaries with four or more acres is eligible to apply. Land proposed to be fallow must have been actively farmed with irrigated agricultural practices in the year proceeding and eligible to receive tier 1 and tier 2 allocation. Applicants must be in good standing with the GKGSA and comply with all other rules, regulations, statutes, laws, etc.

#### **Program Restrictions.**

Cover crops are permitted under the Program but may only be irrigated by precipitation, and no harvesting of the crop is permitted. However, grazing is permitted.

#### **Application Process.**

GKGSA program’s process consists of determination of Program need, application submission, review and awarding of applicants, verification process, and payment after the year following.

GKGSA will announce the beginning and end dates in which applications will be accepted. The application submissions will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Each will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial within time to plan for the upcoming year. Awardees will receive \$400.00 for each acre of Program land successfully fallowed for the year.

#### **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. Please submit completed applications to [info@greaterkaweahgsa.org](mailto:info@greaterkaweahgsa.org) email, or at the office located at 227 N. West St Visalia, CA 93291.

List the fields you agree 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 per acre: \$400 |     |                      |           | Total \$              |

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 agree to fallow the above acreage(s) for a total of **one year** beginning October 1, 2026 through September 31, 2027 and that the current allocation of water will be deducted from my dashboard for each acre fallowed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_