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Voluntary Fallowed Land Program (2025 Water Year)

The Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA Board has approved a Land Fallowing Policy to incentivize growers to fallow land. For 2025, the application will need to be received by September 30, 2024 if you plan to bid. All parcels listed in the application will be subject to field visits and other verification.

Voluntarily Fallowed Ground

The amount of consumed evapotranspiration (ETc) applied to the Voluntarily Fallowed lands will be limited to **0.0 acre-feet per acre** for the time period in which the land is voluntarily fallowed. The land must be left fallowed for either:

Entire Growing Season (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025), or
Winter Growing Season (October 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025), or
Summer Growing Season (June 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025)

Under this program, the property must be actively managed to avoid weeds growing out of control.

Option 1 Voluntary Fallowing: (1) Keep disced/sprayed and free of weeds, (2) Planting a cover crop is allowed, (3) Cover crops must be kept mowed, (4) Cover crops cannot be harvested, (5) Leave winter crop stubble, (6) Other management practices as deemed appropriate by the GSA.

Option 2 Under this option, the land must be fallowed for the entire year (Oct 1 – Sep 30). Cover crops are allowed. Cover crops can be harvested. No groundwater use for growing of cover crops. You must sell the Transitional allocations to that land for that year. The landowner must submit a bid on a \$\$/AF of transitional water basis. District will review bids and award applications based on the bid amounts and the amount of funding available.

Option 3 Under this option, the land must be fallowed for the entire year (Oct 1 – Sep 30). Under this option the District pays a lease payment to have access to the property for recharge. No groundwater allocations given up for that year. Payment or credit sharing for amount of water sank (75/25, per current Policy). The Landowner must submit a bid on a \$\$/Acre basis for the lease payment. See the District land fallowing policy for further requirements under this option. District will review bids and award applications based on the bid amounts and the amount of funding available.

Landowners must provide a map that shows the Assessed Parcel Number (APN), location of the fallowed ground with nearest crossroad, acres of the fallowed ground and time period that the land is fallowed.

Failure to comply with the rules above will result in the consumption of ET for the period and reduction of corresponding groundwater credits. For more information on the Land Fallowing Program Policy can be found at www.ltrid.org under SGMA tab or <http://www.ltrid.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/land-fallowing-policy.pdf>

If you have any questions or require assistance in filling out the form, please contact the LTRID GSA Administration Staff at (559) 686-4716 or email nsoto@ltrid.org. When complete, please submit this form along with map(s) to LTRID GSA in person or by mail.

Landowner / Lessee Information:

Name

Account Number

Landowner / Lessee Signature

Date

If choosing Option 2 or 3, enter Bid information here:

