

Lower Tule River Irrigation District Water Supply Notices

January 16, 2025

Below are several updates related to the GSA and implementation of SGMA;

1. At their January Board meeting, the Board set the annual groundwater allocations as follows: Precipitation yield 0.76 AF/acre, Sustainable yield 0.15 AF/acre, District allocated recharge 0.94 AF, acre for a total of 1.85 AF/acre.
2. In addition, the Board allocated 0.75 AF/acre of transitional credits. Please note that the Transitional credits are allocated for this year only and you should ensure you have enough groundwater credits in your account prior to making any planting decisions for the year. Contact the water department in the office if you want to review your account and estimate water usage for the year.
3. Landowners should have, or will be receiving soon requests from the GSA to register wells in order to have better data for tracking and managing subsidence. The deadline to submit well registration information is May 1. Landowners will not receive allocation of Transitional credits in their groundwater account until well registration data is received.
4. Transitional water fees will be set later this spring. Likely at the April Board meeting.
5. Here is a summary/reference guide to the GSA Rules and Operating Policies: [2025 Reference Guide](#)
6. Also a reminder to read the information below that was sent out on December 20. Here is a spreadsheet we developed to log groundwater usage if you would like to use it: [Well Extraction Report](#). We are still working with the SWRCB to get clarification on the ability of the GSA to report ET on behalf of the landowners, and our request for the landowners to be excluded from reporting and fees. In the meantime, landowners need to measure and record groundwater extractions, per the notices sent to you by the SWRCB.

Please be on the look out for continued updates.

Sincerely,

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General Manager