

Lower Tule River Irrigation District Water Supply Notices

September 3, 2025

Applications are currently being accepted for the Winter/Entire Year Fallowing Program for 2025/2026.

The Groundwater Planning Commission and the Board of Directors have been working the last several months to update the Land Fallowing Policy to provide more options to landowners. Attached is the updated policy and below is a summary of the options available.

Option 1 - Voluntary Fallowing - this is the same option we have had for the last couple of years. Land can be fallowed for part of the year or the entire year under this option. No ET will be counted against the land and groundwater credits can be used on the remainder of your lands.

Option 2 - Under this option, the land must be fallowed for the entire year (Oct 1 - Sep 30). 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. The landowner must submit a bid on a \$\$/acre basis for the lease payment. District will review bids and award applications based on the bid amounts and the amount of funding available.

*Option 4 - Under this option, Retirement of Groundwater Credits; enables the GSA to purchase groundwater credits from landowners to retire. **The first deadline for bid submission is September 15, 2025.** Bids will be reviewed in October. Bids will continue to be accepted and reviewed monthly until budgeted funds are exhausted. Bids will be considered in the month they are received. (1) Allocations that qualify to be sold are Sustainable Yield, District Allocated Credits, Landowner Developed Credits and Transitional Allocations, (2) Regarding Transitional pumping allocations, only 2026 Transitional Allocation will be considered for purchase.*

Bids on options 2, 3 and 4 will be due by September 15th Bids will be reviewed in October. See the attached policy for more detailed information on each option.

Winter fallowing runs from October 1st through May 31st & Entire Year fallowing runs October 1st through September 30th. To sign up for the fallowing program, you must do so by **September 30, 2025**. Below are links to the forms;

[Land Fallowing Policy 2026](#)

[LTRID Fallowed Ground Application 2026](#)

[LTRID Groundwater Allocation Purchasing Application](#)

Contact Nancy or John Michael at the office to sign up for the program.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

Sincerely,

Eric Limas

General Manager