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Announcement

The Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) recently approved the Water Year (WY) 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) groundwater pumping allocation, measured as evapotranspiration (ET).

The full allocation and specifics approved by the MKGSA Board of Directors for WY 2024 include:

	Allocation (AF/acre)	Surface Water User Rate (\$ /AF)	Groundwater Dependent User Rate (\$ /AF)	Comments
Native Yield (NY)	0.83	\$0	\$0	
Precipitation (Precip.)	0.55	\$0	\$0	25-Year Average (1998-2023)
Tier 1	0.50	\$10	\$160	Based on Tulare Irrigation District Recharge in WY 2023
Tier 2	0.50	\$10	\$210	Based on Tulare Irrigation District Recharge in WY 2023
Mitigation	0.50	\$260	\$260	Mitigation tier settles overages above the allocation or annual cap whichever occurs.
Penalty	1.0	\$500	\$500	Fee and 1:1 Loss of Future Tier 1 & Tier 2 Allocation
Total	2.38	(NY+Precip.+Tier 1+Tier 2)		

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Mid-Kaweah GSA Emergency Ordinance Amendments Summary

For more information on the adopted Emergency Ordinance amendments, please visit the MKGSA website (www.midkaweah.org/emergency-ordinance).

Amendment 1: Consumptive Use for Dairy Facilities

The water consumption of dairies will be 0.5 acre-ft/ acre above precipitation. The estimation is based on the best accessible data for Central Valley dairies.

Amendment 2: Fallow Field

Growers can apply for the Non-Irrigated Field ET Adjustment Application to set ET to not exceed precipitation. This application can only be done on fallow fields unirrigated for at least 6 consecutive months.

Amendment 3: Land Transfers and Sales

In the absence of any preexisting written agreements between the landowner and renter/buyer, any unused water credits shall be deemed the property of the landowner by default.

Amendment 4: Irrigation Efficiency

Surface water use during different times of the year will differ in accepted credits.

	October 1 - March 31	April 1 - September 30
Irrigated Agriculture	90%	75%
Dedicated Recharge Basin	100%	90%

Amendment 5: Water Accounting at the Sub-APN Level

In the case an assessor's parcel number (APN) is managed by two or more managers, the APN can be split on the Water Dashboard, and the separate sub-APNs can be billed separately.

Amendment 6: Well Metering Appeal

Growers that are not satisfied with evapotranspiration data may elect to report well meter data on a monthly basis to override evapotranspiration numbers. Growers must apply for the Well Meter Protest and Attestation Application. Growers must also have a calibrated well meter.

Amendment 7: Parcel Verification

A water dashboard user are required to obtain explicit permissions from the Fee Title owner/ landowner through the Dashboard.

Amendment 8: Late Fee Policy

The MKGSA may impose late fees in the case invoices are unpaid prior to a late fee deadline. The MKGSA has the authority to take legal action against owners/ operators of groundwater facilities.

Amendment 9: Precipitation Credit

Precipitation will be calculated using a 25 - year rolling average based on past water years. This approach allows precipitation to be credited, and be a stable amount for grower's planning/ water budgets.