

[Board Approved: 13-Sep-2022] Fallow Field

Fallow fields are land parcels that are temporarily unirrigated for at least six consecutive months with the intention of bringing the land back in production, as permanently fallowed ground is exempt from the Emergency Ordinance (see §2.1). Growers must inform the GSA of where and when fields will be temporarily fallowed. Once notified, the MKGSA will override the existing ET on the fallow field(s) and replace it with an ET value of 80% of precipitation (“effective precipitation”), resulting in a net consumptive use of 0 AF/acre. This allows the full groundwater allocation from the un-irrigated field to be redirected for utilization in other fields on the landowner's or lessee's ranch or to accrue water credits for future use.