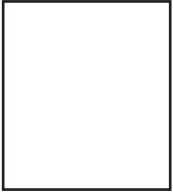


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Stay engaged with the East Kaweah GSA!

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide their input on the latest GSP amendments by attending East Kaweah GSA's Board of Directors, Technical Advisory Committee, and Advisory Committee meetings.

By attending these meetings, stakeholders:

- ✓ Can provide input on policies, programs, and decisions
- ✓ Have a venue to ask agency leadership questions
- ✓ Participate in local groundwater management

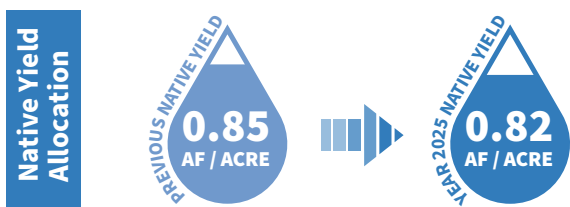
Stay updated on meeting dates and receive the agendas directly by signing up for the East Kaweah GSA email list at ekgsa.org/keep-informed

For questions, go to ekgsa.org, email groundwater@ekgsa.org or call 559-697-6095. Follow us on social media!

Agricultural Water Users: Important Changes to Your Supply for Allocation Year 2025 (OCTOBER 1, 2024 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

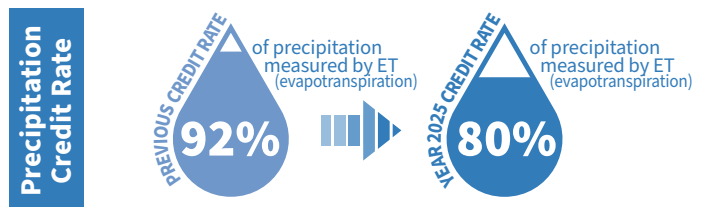
The East Kaweah GSA Board approved Allocation Year (AY) 2025 allocations at the July 22nd board meeting. First, we want to applaud our growers for their hard work and ability to adapt to allocations since they were first rolled out in October 2021. Your adjustments to groundwater use have been and continue to be foundational to our progress under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The GSA wants to make our growers aware of new adjustments to the allocation numbers that are being implemented to keep our momentum moving in the right direction.

NEW NATIVE YIELD ALLOCATION



The native yield allocation has been updated to better reflect the relationship between Kaweah River flows and groundwater conditions. Looking at a 25-year historical period, the Technical Advisory Committee used average Kaweah River inflows to guide its understanding of available groundwater to pump sustainably (the native yield). While Kaweah River supplies are not the only factor impacting the amount of pumping, technical analysis has shown there is a correlation between Kaweah River inflows and groundwater storage that needed to be factored in.

NEW PRECIPITATION CREDIT RATE



The precipitation credit rate was adjusted to better account for rainfall variability over time. A 25-year historical rainfall average was used to calculate the precipitation credit. Using the new rate, the credit was calculated based on the 25-year historical rainfall average of 11.01 inches, or 0.92 feet (80% x 0.92 feet = 0.73 feet). Using this longer period should result in less fluctuation of the precipitation credit amount so that growers experience more predictability year to year instead of the credit swinging in response to wet and dry years.

SUMMARY OF ALLOCATION YEAR 2025

Native Yield	0.82 acre-feet/acre	No cost
Hard Cap*	2.5 acre-feet/acre	\$500 / acre-foot
Precipitation Credit	0.73 acre-feet/acre	No cost

*Any groundwater use above the 0.82 AF/acre native yield must be imported allocated supplies. Groundwater use above the hard cap of 2.5 acre-feet per acre is accompanied by a \$500 per acre foot charge, and a one for one reduction of growers' 2026 Allocation Year supply.

The bottom line? The latest adjustments to native yield and the precipitation credit will **result in growers having more predictability when it comes to their available supplies year over year.** By better reflecting actual long-term water availability trends, swings between wet and dry years will be less consequential when it comes to determining the next year's native yield and precipitation credit.

East Kaweah GSA Proves Commitment to Keep Local Control, Submits Latest Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Amendments for State Review

East Kaweah GSA, in coordination with the Kaweah Subbasin, finalized the latest amendments to its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). While the Kaweah Subbasin had already addressed deficiencies raised by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), this latest amendment effort focused on addressing deficiencies the State Board reported to the Kaweah Subbasin GSAs in their May 2024 staff report.

Addressed **DWR DEFICIENCIES Released in March 2023**

- ✓ Groundwater Level Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC)
- ✓ SMC Relationships
- ✓ Mitigation Program
- ✓ Land Subsidence SMC

Addressed **STATE BOARD DEFICIENCIES Released in May 2024**

- ✓ Groundwater Quality
- ✓ Interconnected Surface Water

East Kaweah GSA, along with Mid-Kaweah and Greater Kaweah GSAs, have been laser-focused over the last three months on ensuring the latest GSP amendments were completed in October. Meeting this deadline was critical to make sure the State Board staff had adequate time to review the GSPs before the probationary hearing in January 2025. Without GSPs in hand that meet their expectations, the State Board would be less likely to issue a positive outcome for the Subbasin at the hearing.

THE JOURNEY TO SUSTAINABILITY



Through committed efforts to amend the GSP, East Kaweah GSA is working to keep local control over groundwater management, ensuring:

Funding generated from stakeholders goes toward local projects & efforts

Landowners continue to be represented on groundwater issues by local leaders

The East Kaweah GSA can continue to coordinate with member agencies to prioritize implementing water supply projects (e.g. recharge basins or channel recharge)

[Find and comment on the latest GSP at \[ekgsa.org/ekgsa-gsp-central\]\(https://ekgsa.org/ekgsa-gsp-central\)](https://ekgsa.org/ekgsa-gsp-central)



2023 Allocation Year Billing Updates

East Kaweah GSA wrapped up Allocation Year (AY) 2023, with the invoicing period ending on September 16, 2024, and payments due on October 1, 2024. At the beginning of AY 2023, East Kaweah implemented new features to the Water Dashboard to better serve its landowners, updating the Priority of Use and Credit Manager tool. These features were updated to help growers avoid penalty fees and reduce bills as much as possible.

Growers were invited to attend Grower Workshops to ask questions about allocations and invoicing and receive in-person assistance. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



New Project Webpage

EXPLORE THE NEW PROJECT WEBPAGE TO SEE HOW EAST KAWEAH GSA IS SECURING WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE FUTURE



The new Project Webpage, built on ArcGIS Storymaps, highlights the GSA's progress toward sustainability, showcasing the major groundwater recharge projects completed or underway since the adoption of the initial Groundwater Sustainability Plan in 2020. East Kaweah GSA and its member agencies remain committed to pursuing recharge projects and grant funding to enhance surface water supplies and improve water availability for our landowners.

Scan the QR code or visit ekgsa.org and select the "Projects" menu item under "More".

