



Merced Subbasin GSA

Governing Board Meeting

December 14, 2023

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Land Repurposing Program Update

PHASE 1 LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM (LRP) UPDATE

MSGSA BOARD MEETING

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TODAY'S DISCUSSION TOPICS

- I. Status of Phase I Land Repurposing Program (Year 1 and Year 2)

PHASE 1 LRP OVERVIEW

- LRP was developed and adopted by MSGSA Board in 2022 and first implemented starting in Water Year 2023
- First LRP application period occurred in fall 2022
 - “Year 1” participants signed LRP agreements in early 2023
 - Year 1 agreements range in duration from 3 to 5 years
 - First year of Year 1 LRP agreement’s term completed on 9/30/2023; incentive payments were made; Agreements were amended to incorporate updated consumptive use methodology
- Second LRP application period occurred in summer 2023
 - “Year 2” participants signed LRP agreements in fall 2023 for repurposing starting in Water Year 2024
 - Year 2 agreements range in duration from 3 to 4 years

SUMMARY OF LRP AGREEMENTS

	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Number of Applications Received	26	18	44
Number of Applications Accepted by MSGSA	16	6	22
Number of Draft LRP Agreements ⁽¹⁾	11	5	16
Number of Executed LRP Agreements ⁽²⁾	8	3	11
Total Acreage of Land under LRP Agreements	2,353	1,128	3,481
Total Amount of Water Savings under Agreements (AFY)	3,754.97	1,549.22	5,304.19
Total Water Savings Achieved (first year of Year 1)	3,859	NA	3,859
Total Value of Annual Incentive Payments	\$1,233,258	\$604,800	\$1,838,058

⁽¹⁾ Number of Draft LRP Agreements reflects (in some cases) consolidation of multiple accepted applications by the same applicant.

⁽²⁾ Number of Executed Agreements reflects (in some cases) decision by applicant to pull out of LRP after their application was accepted.

KEY LRP IMPLEMENTATION TAKEAWAYS TO-DATE

- Applicants should be prepared and committed to entering an LRP Agreement if their application is accepted
- Repurposing with tree crops left in place (unirrigated) can result in reduced savings due to ongoing ET

DISCUSSION

2024 Governing Board Meeting Calendar

2024 Governing Board Meetings

2024 Meeting Dates

January 11

February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

LOCATION*

Merced County Administration Building
Board Room, Third Floor
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

TIME

2:00PM

*Unless otherwise noted



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Next Governing Board Meeting

January 11, 2024