

# *Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy*

## **Public Workshop #2**

**Overview:** The Kaweah Groundwater Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy is a locally led effort to provide Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) in the Kaweah Subbasin with a framework to support the transfer of groundwater allocations between eligible buyers and sellers. Managed by a Strategy Committee (Committee) representing the full range of groundwater users and uses in the region, the effort is slated to result in a preliminary groundwater marketing approach for implementation by GSAs in 2023. The upcoming public workshop will present principles developed by the Committee to guide market development and implementation, and present initial elements, approaches, and considerations for the pilot groundwater market.

### **Workshop #2: Strategy Development – Water Market Progress and Key Decision Points**

**When:** 2-3:30 p.m., Oct. 19, 2022

**Where:** Hybrid Meeting

*Physical Location*

Tulare County Ag Commissioner  
4437 S Laspina St, Tulare, CA 93274

*Virtual Location*

Zoom Webinar

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**Interpretation:** On-site and virtual (Zoom) interpretation services will be provided during the meeting.

*The Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy is an effort led by Mid-Kaweah GSA in partnership with Greater Kaweah GSA and East Kaweah GSA, with funding support of the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART grant program and the Department of Water Resources Facilitation Support Services Program.*

# Agenda

## **Recap of Previous Public Workshop**

*Presenter: Aaron Fukuda, Mid-Kaweah GSA and Tulare Irrigation District, and Matthew Fienup, Ph.D., Environmental Market Specialists, Inc.*

Public Workshop #1 provided an overview of the water marketing strategy concept for the Kaweah Subbasin, a detailed review of existing water markets and strategies, and an explanation regarding how stakeholders could participate in the market's development. This item will provide a high-level recap of information provided and related action items.

Link to Public Workshop #1 Materials and Meeting Video (Oct. 27, 2021)

<https://tulareid.org/kaweah-subbasin-water-marketing-strategy-committee>

## **Guiding Principles for the Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy**

*Presenter: Aaron Fukuda, Mid-Kaweah GSA and Tulare Irrigation District, and Matthew Fienup, Ph.D., Environmental Market Specialists, Inc.*

This item will review and present a series of *Guiding Principles* identified by the Committee. These Principles serve as goals, objectives, and actions to be considered and applied for development of water market activities and preparation of related policies and regulations.

## **Water Market Progress**

*Presenter: Matthew Fienup, Ph.D., Environmental Market Specialists, Inc.*

The Committee applied the Guiding Principles to make specific choices among various alternatives for a pilot water market to be implemented in the Kaweah Subbasin in 2023. Those decisions have resulted in a proposal for specific rules, structures, and operating mechanisms to be implemented on a trial basis in 2023. This item will review the specific rules and operating mechanisms being considered for implementation.

## **Next Steps and Key Decision Points**

*Presenter: Aaron Fukuda, Mid-Kaweah GSA and Tulare Irrigation District, and Matthew Fienup, Ph.D., Environmental Market Specialists, Inc.*

This item will outline the next steps contemplated for the Committee, for the technical teams assisting the Committee, and for stakeholders.