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July 6, 2026

Subject: Fallowed Land Registry & SSJWD Assessments for FY 2026-27

Dear SSJWD Landowner:

The Shandon San Juan Water District (SSJWD) Board is scheduled to levy FY 2026-27 assessments at its July 22, 2026 Board meeting.

The SSJWD Board has determined that **acreage enrolled in the Fallowed Land Registry as of July 22, 2026, will be designated as non-irrigated acreage** for assessment purposes and assessed at the corresponding non-irrigated rate.

Landowners with eligible fallowed acreage are encouraged to complete their registration in the Fallowed Land Registry prior to July 22, 2026, to ensure the acreage is considered during the FY 2026-27 SSJWD assessment process.

About the Fallowed Land Registry

The [Fallowed Land Registry](#) is a voluntary program available to agricultural irrigators within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin to document fallowed or repurposed lands. The registry provides transparency and verification to support sustainable groundwater management efforts throughout the basin.

Participation is voluntary, free of charge, and does not affect land ownership rights or establish any determination regarding water rights. Enrollment simply documents current land use status and participation in the program.

Benefits of Participating

In addition to helping document fallowed acreage for sustainable groundwater management, participation in the Fallowed Land Registry may provide several benefits to eligible landowners, including the following. Learn more at: <https://fallowedlandregistry.com/>

- **Assessment Classification:** Acreage enrolled in the Fallowed Land Registry by July 22, 2026, will be designated by SSJWD as non-irrigated acreage for FY 2026-27 assessment purposes and assessed at the corresponding non-irrigated rate.
- **Water Use Documentation:** Participants have access to satellite-based evapotranspiration (ET) data that can help document historical water use or non-use for individual farming units.
- **Small Farm Assistance:** Eligible small farms may qualify for financial assistance through the Small Farm Assistance Program for voluntarily fallowing irrigated acreage and conserving groundwater.

Small Farm Assistance Program

The [Small Farm Assistance Program](#) for the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Subbasin provides monetary incentives to eligible property owners who voluntarily fallow irrigated agricultural land that has been commercially irrigated within the previous one (1) year and agree to keep that land out of irrigated production through December 31, 2039 — supporting smaller farming operations while helping reduce groundwater demand.

Register Today

To register eligible acreage or learn more about the Fallowed Land Registry, please visit:

<https://fallowedlandregistry.com/paso-robles-groundwater-basin/>

If you have any questions regarding the Fallowed Land Registry, the FY 2026-27 assessment process, or potential eligibility for the Small Farm Assistance Program, please contact SSJWD staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bertoux', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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