

2026 Water Transfers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. What will happen to my water right?

A. There will be no change in water rights as a result of a transfer. You simply transfer your SVID water allotment to Trout Unlimited for the 2026 irrigation season.

Q. When do I get paid?

A. You will be receiving your funds from SVID at the rate of \$350 per acre foot. Payments will be issued in two installments. Fifty percent (50%) of the total compensation will be paid no later than 90 days following ECY approval of the leased water. The remaining fifty percent (50%) will be paid within 61 days after the end of the lease period.

Q. I have a one-acre piece, can I transfer?

A. No, There is a 3-acre minimum to participate. Two contiguous parcels can be combined to reach the 3-acre minimum.

Q. Can I still water my land with an alternative source(s)?

A. No. Once enrolled in the program, the land must be fallowed. Water cannot be applied to participating lands from any source. Non-compliance with this policy will result in your cancellation from the program and suspension on any payment of funds from SVID.

Q. What if I have already watered my land, can I still participate in the transfer?

A. Yes, but at the time your application is approved, the land must be fallowed for the rest of the 2026 irrigation season.

Q. Can I put multiple parcels on one agreement?

A. Yes, provided they are contiguous.

Q. Can I transfer a portion of a parcel?

A. No, you must transfer entire parcels.

Q. Can you just subtract my assessment from my payment?

A. No, the parcel assessment must be paid in full before the process can proceed.

Q. Can I sell/transfer a portion of my parcel and keep enough to water my lawn?

A. This is the only case where we will allow a portion of a parcel to be transferred, but the amount retained must be ½ acre and irrigated by a well.

Q. I have Konewock land, can I transfer my water?

A. No. Konewock Ditch Company and Piety Flat Ditch Company landowners cannot participate in the program. This is for SVID lands only.

Q. My land is within the City, can I transfer my water.

A. No.

Q. If I did not use irrigation water on the parcel last year, am I allowed to transfer the water allotment?

A. No. To participate in the program, the land had to have been irrigated in 2025, or land had to have been fallowed through the 2025 Water Transfer program.

Q. If I fill out an application will I be guaranteed to be in the program?

A. No. Transfer applications will be accepted starting March 16th on a first come first served basis. There is limited funding for this program which could eliminate some of the later applications.