

**Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes  
Request for Information (RFI)  
October 12, 2016**

**Question:** How can well water be used on the LEASED PROPERTY?

**Response:** Please refer to Part 3 of the IFB, Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes, Exhibit B, Clause 5B. Well water can be used on the entire acreage of the advertised Lease.

**Question:** Does the Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes allow the Lessee to pump the first acre-foot of the entire acreage under the advertised Lease with no water surcharge?

**Response:** The advertised Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes allows the lessee to pump the first acre-foot of the entire acreage of the advertised Lease with no water surcharge.

**Question:** How will the water surcharge be assessed on additional acre-foot pumped?

**Response:** Any additional acre-foot pumped will include a water surcharge as outlined in Exhibit B of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes, Table 1: Groundwater Fee(s) Table.

**Question:** If there is a water allocation by Westlands Water District (WWD), will it have a surcharge that will be paid to the Navy as rent?

**Response:** Please refer to the IFB, Important Notice Regarding Water Surcharge, and Part 3 of the IFB, Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes, Clause 3. c. If the WWD allocation is **equal or less than 40%**, the \$87.00 per acre-foot water surcharge will be waived. If the WWD allocation is greater than 40%, the Lessee shall pay the \$87.00 per acre-foot water surcharge to the Government as additional rent.

**Question:** If we used all the acre feet of pumped water for a majority of the parcels, could we leave a parcel unfarmed?

**Response:** Please refer to Part 3 of the IFB, Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes, Exhibit B, Clause 5C. In accordance with the advertised Lease, the Lessee shall submit a written request to the Government to leave any acreage under the Lease unfarmed. Any acreage approved by the Government to be left unfarmed shall be maintained by the Lessee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the advertised Lease.

**Question:** If the advertised Lease includes more than one well, how can those wells be used?

**Response:** Please refer to Part 3 of the IFB, Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes, Exhibit B, Clause 5B. It is at the discretion of the Lessee to determine which wells to use if there are more than one well on the advertised leased property.

**Question:** We plan on reducing acreage at NASL. If we get too many acres, can we forfeit deposits and keep others at our discretion?

**Response:** Each Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes is for the entire amount of the acres advertised. Unfortunately, there is no option to reduce the amount of acreage without terminating the Lease in its entirety. Please refer to Part 4 of the IFB, 4. Acknowledgments.

**Question:** How are the Lease terms for the Department of the Navy Lease for Agricultural Purposes structured?

**Response:** The Navy structured the terms of the advertised Leases to meet Navy requirements, including but not limited to the Explosives Safety Quantity Distance (ESQD) Arc waiver terms and proximity to future expiring leases.