



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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2013-2014 Water Supply Update

On February 25, 2013, the Bureau of Reclamation announced an initial allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors of 25 percent, and Reclamation has yet to make an allocation announcement in March. However, due to extraordinarily dry conditions in January, February and March, it may be difficult for Reclamation to maintain the current allocation at this time, and it is likely that Reclamation will announce a reduction in the allocation within the next week. The District will provide additional notice to water users if the allocation does change.

2013-2014 Supplemental Water

The District will acquire Supplemental Water from multiple sources for the 2013-2014 water year. The District estimates the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$340-\$370 per acre-foot. Advance payment for acquisition costs of the water is required at the time of allocation, while conveyance related costs will be billed when the water is used. Water users will be notified of the amount of the allocation advance payment requirement later in the year when acquisition costs are more firm. The allocation advance will apply toward the delivered water rate. The water will be allocated to water user accounts as Project water or non-Project water (if available), allowing Full-Cost rates to be applied as required by Reclamation law. The initial portion of Supplemental Water will become available during the spring months; however, the bulk of the water will be made available after July 1 through the end of October.

The District will make monthly allocations of Supplemental Water. The quantity of water allocated each month to an account will be a pro-rata quantity of the total water available to the District that month. Proration is based on the number of irrigable acres associated with accounts that have outstanding requests. When an account's request has been fulfilled, it will no longer receive allocations, and the irrigable acres associated with that account will not be included in the basis used to pro-rate

subsequent allocations. Accordingly, water users with relatively high per-acre requests will receive the bulk (increment above the prorate amount) of their request later, if water is available.

If you need Supplemental Water, please return the 2013-2014 agreement, included in the District's Notice No. 388 dated February 28, 2013, to the Fresno office by close of business on March 29, 2013. The agreement may be mailed to Westlands Water District, P.O. Box 6056, Fresno, CA 93703, but agreements not received at the District by the due date will not be considered timely (regardless of the postmark). You may also hand deliver the agreement to the District's Fresno office at 3130 N. Fresno Street. Requests received after the deadline will receive a lower priority for allocations and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please direct questions to your Customer Accounting Technician at (559) 241-6250.

Rescheduled Water Update

The District rescheduled 143,537 acre-feet into the 2013-2014 water year. Water users will have the ability to use rescheduled water without limitation or risk of loss going forward.

Water users are reminded that Reclamation's rescheduling fee is \$6.91 per acre-foot. In addition to this rescheduled rate, the delivered rate for all rescheduled water types delivered in 2013-2014 will consist of water acquisition and conveyance costs incurred by the District for the water, plus District and San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority O&M rates for 2013-2014.

2012-2013 Supplemental Water

The District made the final allocation of 2012-2013 Supplemental Water last month, as reflected in the following table. For the year, the allocations totaled 123,636 acre-feet.

Allocation Month	AF Amount
May – Actual	14,708
June – Actual	8,462
July – Actual	9,066
August – Actual	33,389
September – Actual	16,256
October – Actual	18,994
November – Actual	7,078
December – Actual	6,976
January – Actual	5,994
February – Actual	2,713

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for Westlands Solar Park and Planned Transmission

Westside Holdings, LLC (Westside Holdings) has proposed the Westlands Solar Park Master Plan (Project) in Madera, Fresno and King Counties. The proposed Project includes three planned electrical transmission corridors and 24,000 acres of developed photovoltaic power generation facilities on lands owned by the District and private land owners. The District is serving as the California Environmental

Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency and Westside Holding is the project sponsor. To initiate the CEQA process, the District submitted a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to responsible agencies soliciting their recommendation as to the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. A Public Scoping Meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the District's Fresno office. The NOP is available for review on the District's website on the link listed below:

https://cs.westlandswater.org/resources/resources_files/misc/environmental_docs/WWD-WSP-NOP-Final_3-13-2013.pdf

Land-Based Charges

The first installments for payment of 2013-2014 Land-Based Charges are due March 25, 2013. A penalty will be added to unpaid charges on the day following the payment due date. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for additional information about Land-Based Charges.

Lands Available for Lease

The District has several parcels left for lease. For a list of available land, please contact Cork McIsaac of Agricultural Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations

Reservations are still being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The Club property was acquired by the District in 2006 to facilitate the raising of Shasta Dam. Until that time, the District is committed to operating the existing fishing club.

The Club property is very private, located along seven miles of the McCloud River immediately upstream of Shasta Lake. The McCloud River is esteemed for its beauty and has been known to have some of the best trout fishing in the world. In order to protect this unique fishery, all fishing is catch and release, fly only, barbless hooks.

The fishing season begins on April 27, 2013 and ends on November 15, 2013. If you are interested in reserving a week for a fishing trip to Bollibokka, please review the following information and contact the Club manager listed below. Remember that for reservation purposes the week begins on Wednesday morning and ends at sunset on the following Monday. The Club is closed on Tuesday for cleaning unless reserved for consecutive weeks.

Although the early opportunity for landowners and water users to reserve a week at the Club closed on January 31, 2013, a number of weeks are still open. There are two accommodations available for rent on the property:

- The Way Station is located on the upper two miles of the property. The Way Station can accommodate up to six guests, and that is also the maximum number of rods permitted on this portion of the river. The cost is \$4,200 per week.
- The Club House and Rock House are located on the lower five miles of the property. The two buildings can accommodate ten and four guests, respectively, but the maximum number of rods on this portion of the river is twelve. The cost is \$7,000 per week.

The District is utilizing the experienced fly fishing services of The Fly Shop in Redding, California to handle Club management activities and coordinate all uses of the property. Additionally, the Fly Shop has associations with many fly fishing guides familiar with the McCloud. For more information, please contact Michael Caranci of The Fly Shop at (800) 669-3474 (office), (530) 222-3572 (fax), michael@theflyshop (email), or by mail at 4140 Churn Creek Road, Redding, CA 96002. For additional information, visit the Club's website: <http://www.theflyshop.com/adventures/bollibokka.htm>

The Fly Shop will try to accommodate all reservation requests on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once your reservation is accepted, The Fly Shop will provide a Confirmation Package, which contains directions to the facilities, updated policies, information on cooking and cleaning services and additional contact information. Payment for your stay should be made directly to The Fly Shop.

Six-Month Advance Notice of Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

The attached schedule provides water users with six-month advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown plans for fiscal year 2013-2014.

One Year Advance Notice of Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

The following table provides water users with one year advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown schedule for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Week	Division Valves to Be Inspected	Pumping Plant
September 30, 2013		18L
October 14		17L
October 21		20L
October 28		16L
November 4		15L
November 18		16RA,B,&C
December 2		30R
December 9		19R
December 16		20R
January 6, 2014		26R
January 13		38L
January 27		35L
February 3	37-0.3	37L
February 10	2-0.5	2L
February 24		4R