



Westlands Water District

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This Notice contains important information about the following:

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CVP Water Supply

On March 22, 2013, the Bureau of Reclamation announced a decrease in the allocation to south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors from 25 percent to 20 percent. Reclamation's announcement for the conservative (90%) forecast reflected a 20 percent allocation while the median (50%) forecast reflected a 30 percent allocation. However, given the present constraints surrounding pumping in the Delta, the District does not anticipate any increases in the allocation this water year.

Allocation of System Gain

The District will allocate 2012-2013 System Gain this month. Approximately 8,190 acre-feet of water will be allocated and will appear on the April 2013 allocation statements. The water will be allocated to water users based upon their 2013-2014 Agricultural Water Allocation applications. The delivered rate for this water is equivalent to this year's Cost of Service rate and there is no advance payment requirement. The rescheduling fee of \$6.91 per acre-foot applies.

Rescheduled Water

The District continues to deliver 2012-2013 Rescheduled Water due to lower than normal demand for this time of year. Water users that still have Rescheduled Water in their accounts may use that water throughout this water year. Additionally, where water users have arranged for individual transfers of water to the District, this year transfer water will be allocated to the water user's account at the time the District signs the transfer agreement and receives acknowledgment from the approving agency, provided that the water is already in storage in San Luis Reservoir.

Supplemental Water

The District received timely applications for 2013-2014 Supplemental Water totaling approximately 263,000 AF on 384,000 acres. At this time, the District anticipates that it will be able to acquire 125,000 AF to 135,000 AF of water supply to partially meet the requests from water users. The District estimates the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$350 to \$375 per AF.

Advance payment for the acquisition costs of the water is required at the time of allocation, while conveyance related costs will be billed when the water is used.

Based upon acquisition totals of 125,000 AF to 135,000 AF, District staff estimates that water users will receive up to 0.355 to 0.385 AF/acre, respectively, or a lesser amount if requested, on the irrigable acres represented by the water user account listed on the application. These amounts are only an estimated projection of the annual Supplemental Water allocation based on current information available.

Allocations of Supplemental Water will begin in April, and the timing and amounts of expected allocations for the year are shown in the table below.

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April - Estimated	45,000
May - Estimated	8,900
June - Estimated	8,900
July - Estimated	14,200
August - Estimated	14,200
September - Estimated	14,200
October - Estimated	6,000
November - Estimated	6,000
December - Estimated	5,000
January - Estimated	1,500
February - Estimated	1,100

The schedule will be updated monthly to reflect additional supplies and/or changes to the timing for delivery.

Board of Directors Election

The terms of four members of the Board of Directors expire in 2013, and an election to fill these positions will be held August 27, 2013. The positions have four-year terms through December 1, 2017. The election will be conducted as an all-mail ballot election and there will be no polling places.

To qualify for the position of Director, the person shall be over the age of 18 years and be either 1) a holder of title to land in the District, 2) the legal representative of the holder of title to land in the district in accordance with California Water Code Section 34030, or 3) a representative designated by a holder of title to land in the District if the holder has filed with the District written evidence of that designation.

Forms for declarations of candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for the office will be available from the District's Secretary at 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93703 on or after May 6, 2013. The forms must be filed with the Secretary either in person or by certified mail no later than 5 p.m. on May 31, 2013. Filing by certified mail is authorized, but the forms must reach the Secretary by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2013.

In the event there are no candidates or an insufficient number of candidates for these positions, and a petition calling for an election is not filed within the time period prescribed in Section 10515 of the Elections Code, appointment to the Director positions will be made as prescribed by law.

For further information, call the District's Fresno office at (559) 224-1523.

Assessment Equalization Hearing

The Board of Directors will hold an equalization hearing to establish the District's 2014 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California. Copies of the 2013 Assessment Book are available for review at the Fresno and Five Points offices. The Assessment Book contains the valuation of all District lands and is based on the benefit assessment valuation schedule approved by the Board at its February meeting.

Landowners who question their land valuations and wish to petition the Board must submit a written application for a reduction of the land valuation on or before May 14, 2013. Landowners must include the reasons supporting the claim for reduction and an opinion of the proper valuation. For additional information, please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212.

Accepting Reservations for Bollibokka Fishing Club

The Bollibokka Fishing Club is continuing to accept reservations. The District's March 21, 2013, Notice No. 391 contains additional information for anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity. The club's season extends from April 27 through November 15 and there are still a number of weeks available at both the Clubhouse and the Way Station. The normal reservation period is Wednesday through Sunday, but reasonable accommodations to this schedule will be made, if possible. 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>.

Customer Service Website

Water users are reminded of the website feature allowing the placement of water orders and access to water order information 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Website water orders are cost effective because the orders are processed by the District's Water Management Information System and require little District staff interaction.

The website is located at <http://www.westlandswater.org>. Water users may contact their Customer Service Representative at (559) 241-6250 to set up a secure login, or for assistance in using the various features of the customer section.

Receive Notices by Email Versus Hard Copy

Water users can receive their monthly and other grower notices by email, which enables them to receive information as soon as it is released and helps reduce District mailing costs. If interested, please contact your Customer Service Representative at (559) 241-6250.

Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013, in observance of Memorial Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - May 25 or 26	Friday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - May 27 or 28	Friday, May 24, noon

The emergency telephone number for after hours and holidays is (559) 224-1523.

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