



Westlands Water District

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This Notice contains important information about the following:

- **CVP Water Supply Outlook**

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On May 2, 2013, the California Department of Water Resources released its final snow survey results indicating only 17 percent of normal for snowpack water content statewide. The percentage was even lower for watersheds above several key Central Valley Project reservoirs. Notwithstanding current levels of storage in upstream Central Valley Project reservoirs, this survey means that it is very unlikely that the District will receive an increase in its current water allocation of 20 percent.

In addition, the District's current projections of end of water year, September 30, 2013, upstream reservoir storage indicate that storage will be well below recent averages. In fact, it appears that storage in Shasta Reservoir could fall to 1.5 – 1.6 million acre-feet, which is well below the target of 1.9 million acre-feet identified in the NOAA Fisheries biological opinion. For this reason, it is unlikely that San Luis Reservoir will fill by the end of February 2014, absent wet hydrologic conditions on the San Joaquin River during the fall and winter.

Concern exists that the low reservoir levels in upstream Central Valley Project reservoirs at the end of this water year and San Luis Reservoir at the end of the current contract year, February 28, 2014, will lead to low water allocations for the 2014-15 contract year, even if we experience average hydrologic conditions.

To maximize your ability to reschedule into next year, the District encourages maximum water conservation. District growers might consider adjusting existing or planned operations for the remainder of this year to maximize rescheduled water opportunities.

District staff will continue to monitor water supply and rescheduling conditions and work toward the best possible outcome for water users.

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