



# Westlands Water District

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*This Notice contains important information about the following:*

- **2013-2014 CVP Water Supply Update**
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## **2013-2014 CVP Water Supply Update**

The CVP allocation to south-of-Delta agricultural water contractors remains at 20 percent and is not likely to increase. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at 800 cfs due to limits set by the Salmon Biological Opinion, which requires that rates of pumping at the Central Valley Project and State Water Project pumping plants shall be no greater than the volume of flow in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. Storage in northern Central Valley Project reservoirs is expected to be well below average as a result of releases to support deliveries and to meet other Project obligations this summer. Under the most conservative forecast, the Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is also projected to be only about 50,000 acre-feet at low point. Absent a very wet fall and winter, especially on the San Joaquin River watershed, it is unlikely that San Luis Reservoir will refill, and the District anticipates that the initial allocation for south-of-Delta ag service contractors in 2014 will be very low.

## **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 Update**

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 of water supply to partially meet the requests from water users. The District estimates the delivered cost to water users will be \$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, District staff estimates that water users will receive up to 0.355 AF/acre, 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 began in April, and the timing and amounts of expected allocations for the year are shown in the table below.

<b>Allocation Month</b>	<b>AF Amount</b>
April - Actual	48,057
May - Estimated	8,900
June - Estimated	8,900
July - Estimated	14,200
August - Estimated	14,200
September - Estimated	14,200
October - Estimated	5,000
November - Estimated	5,000
December - Estimated	4,000
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.

**Revised 2013-2014 Water Rates and Charges**

The Board of Directors has revised the 2013-2014 Water Rates and Charges, retroactive to March 1, 2013. The Cost of Service water rate has been increased to \$137.16 per acre-foot, with a corresponding increase in the Full Cost rate. The changes to the water rates and charges include a revised San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority O&M rate adopted by its board on May 16, 2013. Various other rates and charges increased by small amounts, including the M & I water rate for acquired supply.

The new rates will be implemented on the May water billing statements that are mailed early in June and due June 25, 2013. The revised rates are available on the District's website at <http://www.westlandswater.org>, under the *Water & Power/Water Rates* tabs, or by calling Customer Accounting at (559) 241-6250.

**Assessment Equalization Hearing**

At the equalization hearing on May 21, the Board of Directors established the District's 2013 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment, which constitutes liens on each parcel of land assessed, due and payable as of May 21, 2013. Statements will be mailed in June and the assessments are delinquent after November 21, 2013. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for additional information.

**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:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
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.