



# Westlands Water District

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*This notice contains important information about the following:*

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## **Jim Anderson Appointed to Board of Directors**

The Board appointed Jim Anderson to fill the vacancy on the Board left by Don Devine's resignation in April. Mr. Anderson's appointment runs to December 2015.

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

The CVP allocation to south-of-Delta agricultural water contractors remains at 20 percent and is not likely to increase. Northern Central Valley Project reservoirs are expected to be drained to historic low levels in order to support pumping this summer. The Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is also projected to be 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 this year, and the District projects Reclamation's south-of-Delta allocation for ag water service contractors will be very low in 2014. Under the Bureau of Reclamation's rescheduling guidelines, there is no limitation on the amount of water that can be rescheduled when San Luis Reservoir does not fill.

At the June 18 Water Users' Workshop, Ron Milligan, Reclamation's CVP operations manager, delivered an extensive presentation on this year's water supply picture, titled Central Valley Project 2013 Water Supply Challenges. The presentation material is available on the District's website under the *Education & Outreach* tab at the following link:

<http://www.westlandswater.org/wwd/education/wwd-6-18-2013-annual-workshop.pdf>

## **Supplemental Water Supply 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 approximately 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 \$375 per AF, but the cost may increase as the District continues to pursue additional supplies. 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 approximately 135,000 AF, District staff estimates that water users will receive up to 0.385 AF/acre, or a lesser amount if requested, on the irrigable acres represented by the water user account listed on the application. This amount is 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 - Actual	1,387
June - Estimated	1,000
July - Estimated	30,000
August - Estimated	31,000
September - Estimated	14,000
October - Estimated	5,000
November - Estimated	3,000
December - Estimated	1,500

The District previously projected allocations for May and June that were substantially higher than what is shown above. Due to Delta pumping limitations, Reclamation continued to store the water that was projected for export during these months. Accordingly, the forecast for July and August allocations have now increased to correspond to when the water will be pumped. The schedule will continue to be updated monthly to reflect additional supplies and/or changes to the timing for delivery.

### **Repayment Contract Assessments**

The 2013 Repayment Contract Assessment statements have been mailed. The charges are due now and delinquent after November 21, 2013. A 5 percent penalty will be added after the delinquent date. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at 559-241-6212 for additional information about Assessments.

### **Water Allocation Benefit Charge Reminder**

Water users and landowners who are making decisions about the purchase, sale or transfer of water to lands should be aware of the Water Allocation Benefit charge, which is \$2.63 per acre-foot, and which will be billed to the water user of record as of June 30, 2013, on the land that received a CVP Interim Contract water allocation. If you become the water user after water has been allocated to the property in question, you will be obligated to pay the charge even if you did not receive any water. Questions about the charge should be directed to Customer Accounting at (559) 241-6250.

### **Customer Service Website Statistics**

Most Water User accounts have signed up for login capability to use secure District website features such as water ordering, water order status, water exhaustion projection, month-end allocation, account water history, satellite imagery, interactive forms, water buy and sell offers,

accounts receivable history, crop report data entry and penalty history. The website is at <http://www.westlandswater.org>. Water users may contact their Accounting Technician at (559) 241-6250 to set up a secure login or for assistance in using the various features of the customer section.

### **Westlands Website Survey**

In an effort to develop a new and improved website, Westlands Water District is conducting a research study with those that either interact with or look to the district for information. Your input will help build a more efficient and informative website to enhance your experience with Westlands. It is estimated this will take you approximately 5-10 minutes to complete the survey. Simply click on this [Survey Link](#) or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WestlandsSurvey>. Your input is anonymous and will be kept strictly confidential (used only for the purposes of research for this project). If you have questions, contact Gayle Holman at (559) 241-6233 or by email at [gholman@westlandswater.org](mailto:gholman@westlandswater.org).

### **Department of the Navy Agricultural Apiary Lease**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest has provided the enclosed announcement informing interested bidders about a Department of the Navy Agricultural Apiary Lease at Naval Air Station Lemoore. Please use the contact information in the letter if you have any questions about this agricultural apiary lease program.

### **Holiday Office Closures & Water Ordering Procedures**

District offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2013, in observance of Independence Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
Thursday - July 4	Wednesday, July 3, 9:30 a.m.
Friday - July 5	Wednesday, July 3, noon

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

**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO LEASE GOVERNMENT LANDS  
FOR AGRICULTURAL APIARY PURPOSES**

1. The Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest, proposes to lease Government-owned land for agricultural apiary purposes located at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California, under the process and terms outlined in the Invitation for Bid.

2. Sealed bids must be received at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, ATTN: Ms. Kimberly Spencer, Desert IPT Real Estate, Code JV10.KS, 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 130, San Diego, California, 92132-5190, by **2:00 P.M.**, Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), on **July 11, 2013**. Bids will be opened promptly at 2:00 P.M. (PDT). No bids will be accepted after 2:00 P.M. **FAX COPIES OF BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED RESPONSIVE.**

3. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Acres for Agricultural Apiary</b>	<b>IFB Number</b>	<b>Lease Term</b>
4B01	1.44	N6247313RP00007	Aug 1, 2013-Jul 31, 2018

4. Bid package and instructions will be posted electronically on Navy Electronic Commerce Online (NECO). Interested bidders can view bid package by parcel number and, if interested, review the bid package and instructions. Interested bidders will then print and complete the bid form and return under the Sealed Bid process.

5. Interested bidders should go to the following NECO website: <https://www.neco.navy.mil/> and proceed with the following steps:

- a. Search Synopsis
- b. Under NAICS Code scroll down to: "111 - Crop Production"
- c. Click on "Search" at bottom of page.
- d. Click on "NAS Lemoore, Parcel 4B01 Agricultural Apiary Lease."
- e. Click on "View Solicitation."
- f. Under the Line Items section, download the file listed.
- g. The Invitation for Bid documents must be reviewed thoroughly.
- h. Print the Bid Form, which is included in the downloaded file.
- i. Complete and submit Bid Form according to all instructions outlined in the Invitation for Bid.

6. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kimberly Spencer, Realty Specialist, at (619) 532-3918 or via email at [kimberly.spencer@navy.mil](mailto:kimberly.spencer@navy.mil)

7. The Department of the Navy reserves the right not to award the Lease.