



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

- **CVP Water Supply Update**
- **Cushion Water Allocation**
- **Supplemental Water Supply Update**
- **Land-Based Charges September Installment**
- **Board of Directors Election Reminder**
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CVP Water Supply Update

The CVP allocation to south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors remains at 20 percent. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 98,000 acre-feet, which is about 43% of normal for this date, and is not projected to drop significantly below this level. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 2.2 million acre-feet, which is about 77% of normal for this date.

Given the current storage in San Luis Reservoir and the prospects, under a 90% exceedance forecast, Jones Pumping Plant will not operate at full capacity this fall; San Luis Reservoir is not projected to fill by the end of the water year. The District will continue monitoring CVP operations and the District's water use, and provide monthly updates so that water users can plan for the 2014-2015 water year. The following table describes the potential range of allocations for the 2014 contract year under differing hydrologies and the differing degrees to which the biological opinions restrict Central Valley Project operations in the Delta.

Water Year Type	Delta Restrictions Imposed Under Biological Opinions					
	Maximum		Moderate		Minimal	
	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Wet	0-25%	35-40%	0-25%	50-55%	0-25%	65-80%
Above Normal	0-15%	20-30%	0-15%	30-45%	0-15%	45-50%
Below Normal	0%	5-10%	0%	25-30%	0%	35-40%
Dry	0%	0%	0%	5-10%	0%	10-20%
Critically Dry	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Cushion Water Allocation

The District will allocate this month 6,004 acre-feet of 2013-2014 CVP Interim Contract water, previously withheld as cushion against system losses, pursuant to the Regulations for the Allocation and Use of Agricultural Water within Westlands Water District.

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 140,000 to 145,000 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.

Allocations of Supplemental Water began in April, and the timing and amounts of expected allocations for the year are shown in the table below. Based upon the water supply shortage this year, on August 20 the District's Finance & Administration Committee again authorized an early allocation of Supplemental Water in the month of August (reflected below).

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April - Actual	48,057
May - Actual	1,387
June - Actual	1,313
July - Actual	25,000
August - Actual	31,853
September - Estimated	0
October - Estimated	0
November - Estimated	25,000
December - Estimated	7,000
January - Estimated	5,390

The August-September schedule reflects the projected timing for pumping of Supplemental Water the District acquired from north of the Delta. This schedule will continue to be updated monthly to reflect additional supplies and/or changes to the timing for delivery.

Land-Based Charges September Installment

The September installment of the 2013-2014 Land-Based Charges is due September 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.

Board of Directors Election Reminder

Four positions on the Board of Directors are up for election on August 27, 2013. Ballots were mailed to landowners at the end of July. To be counted, ballots must be in the District's Fresno office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, and reflect the appropriate landowner signature/authorization. Landowners should direct any questions to Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212.

Shasta Dam/Reservoir Public Hearing – September 12, 2013

The Bureau of Reclamation has scheduled a public hearing to receive oral and written comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a project involving enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir. The primary purpose of the project is to increase survival of anadromous fish populations in the upper Sacramento River and increase water supply and water supply reliability. Growers are encouraged to attend and provide comments at this hearing, scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013, 6-8 p.m., Merced County Fairgrounds, Germino Building, 403 "F" Street, Los Banos, CA 93635. Written comments will be accepted by the Bureau until September 30, 2013. Additional project details can be found at the Bureau's website: <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/slwr/>

Advance Notice of 2014-2015 Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

The enclosed schedule provides water users with one-year advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown plans for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2013, in observance of Labor Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - August 31 or September 1	Friday, August 30, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - September 2 or 3	Friday, August 30, noon

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

Advance Notice of 2014-2015 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 2014-2015.

Week	Division Valves To Be Inspected	Pumping Plant
October 13, 2014		23L
October 20		9L
November 3		25R
November 17		5L
December 1		14RA, 14RB & 14RC
December 8	26-1.7	26L
December 15		29RA & 29RB
January 5, 2015		14L
January 12		8L
January 26		11L
February 2		28RA, 28RB & 28R10W
February 9		18R