



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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- **Supplemental Water Update**
- **Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP)**
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2014-2015 Projected CVP Water Supply

The CVP started the new hydrologic season with approximately 4.6 million acre feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents approximately 73% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 1.8 million acre-feet, which is about 72% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 232,000 acre-feet (71% of 15-year average). With the Jones Pumping Plant currently operating at about 50% capacity and not expected to increase in the immediate future, the Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is unlikely to fill absent a wet hydrology and significant uncontrolled flows on the San Joaquin River.

Based upon these conditions and certain assumptions concerning hydrology, District staff is projecting the ranges of potential Central Valley Project allocations for the 2014-2015 water year as follows:

<u>Water Year Type</u>	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%

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 approximately 145,000 to 155,000 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 145,000 to 155,000 AF, District staff estimates that water users could receive up to 0.413 to 0.452 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.

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April – Actual	48,057
May – Actual	1,387
June – Actual	1,313
July – Actual	25,000
August – Actual	31,854
September – Actual	0
October – Estimated	0
November – Estimated	35,000
December – Estimated	3,300
January – Estimated	4,200

Although pumping of Supplemental Water that the District acquired from north of the Delta was completed in September, the table reflects that it will not be allocated until November, following DWR's and Reclamation's final accounting of transfers. This schedule will continue to be updated monthly to reflect additional supplies and/or changes to the timing for delivery.

Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP)

The Board of Directors will consider at its November meeting the use of Public Purpose Program (P3) Funds available from the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority (PWRPA) in a cost sharing program for funding irrigation system improvements under the District's Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP). To qualify for the funds, water users must install a system on lands served by a facility enrolled in the Groundwater Management Program, Irrigation System Management Program or Temporary Diversion Program. The cost share program will fund up to 35% or \$45,500, whichever is less, of an irrigation system lease/purchase. The balance of the system's cost will be funded under and in conformance with the EISIP (i.e., water users must offer 160 acres of non-annexed land as security and provide a 20% down payment followed by 4 annual payments amortized at 3.1% per annum).

In anticipation of the Board's approval of the use of the P3 Funds, interested water users can begin submitting EISIP applications on Wednesday, October 23. For additional information on applying for this program, please contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

2013-2014 Repayment Contract Assessments

Assessment payments are due now and delinquent after November 21, 2013. A five percent penalty will be added after the delinquent date and water service will not be provided. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for additional information about assessments.

Lease of District Owned Land

The District still has land available for lease. For a detailed list of available land, please contact Cork McIsaac of Agricultural Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2014

Planning is underway for the 2014 season of the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The early reservation period opens to landowners and water users beginning on November 1, 2013, and continues through January 31, 2014. Please see the attached flyer for further information about the Bollibokka Fishing Club and how to make reservations.

Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2013, in observance of Veterans Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - November 9 or 10	Friday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - November 11 or 12	Friday, November 8, noon

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

Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2014

Reservations are now being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club for the 2014 season. The Club property was acquired by the District in 2006 to facilitate the raising of Shasta Dam. Until the Dam project is undertaken by the United States, the District is committed to operating the existing fishing club. In addition to past users of the club, all District landowners and water users are given first opportunity to reserve a fishing date.

The Club property is very private, located along seven miles of the McCloud River immediately upstream of Shasta Lake. The McCloud River is esteemed for its beauty and has been known to have some of the best trout fishing in the world. In order to protect this unique fishery, all fishing is catch and release, fly only, barbless hooks. The fishing season begins on April 26, 2014, and ends on November 15, 2014.

If you are interested in reserving a week for a fishing trip to Bollibokka, please review the following information and contact the Club manager listed below. Remember that for reservation purposes the week begins on Wednesday morning and ends at sunset on the following Monday. The Club is closed on Tuesday for cleaning unless reserved for consecutive weeks.

This early opportunity to reserve a week at the Club ends on January 31, 2014, when reservations will be open to the general public. There are two accommodations available for rent on the property:

- The Way Station is located on the upper two miles of the property. The Way Station can accommodate up to six guests. The cost is \$4,200 per week.
- The Club House and Rock House are located on the lower five miles of the property. The two buildings can accommodate ten and four guests, respectively. The cost is \$7,000 per week.

The District utilizes the experienced fly fishing services of The Fly Shop in Redding, California to handle Club management activities. The Fly Shop will coordinate all uses of the property. It has associations with many fly fishing guides familiar with the McCloud.

For more information, please contact Michael Caranci of The Fly Shop at (800) 669-3474 (office), (530) 222-3572 (Fax), michael@theflyshop (email), or visit the website at <http://www.theflyshop.com/adventures/bollibokka.htm>.

The Fly Shop will try to accommodate all reservation requests on a first come, first serve basis. Once your reservation is accepted, The Fly Shop will provide a Confirmation Package, which contains directions to the facilities, updated policies, information on cooking and cleaning services and additional contact information. Payment for your stay should be made directly to The Fly Shop.