



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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2013-2014 Water Supply and Rescheduling

At the end of November, water users had remaining supplies of approximately 206,000 acre-feet. If demands for water and transfers into the District follow current projections through February, the District will probably have about 220,000 acre-feet of water in San Luis Reservoir on March 1, 2013. Because San Luis Reservoir is not projected to fill this year, the District expects that there will be unlimited opportunity to reschedule water into the 2014 water year.

2014-2015 CVP Contract Allocation

The CVP has approximately 4.5 million acre feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents approximately 67% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 1.7 million acre-feet (68% of 15-year average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 304,000 acre-feet (61% of 15-year average). Jones Pumping Plant has operated at less than 25% capacity for the month of December in order to meet Delta Outflow requirements.

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:

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%

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 155,000 to 160,000 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 155,000 to 160,000 AF, District staff estimates that water users could receive up to 0.452 to 0.473 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.

Allocation 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 – Actual	0
November – Actual	27,397
December – Actual	12,002
January – Estimated	4,000
February – Estimated	4,000

Assessments and Land Based Charges

The 2013 Repayment Contract Assessments were delinquent after November 21, 2013. They now are subject to a 5% penalty. Land-based charges were due March 25, 2013 for the first installment and September 25, 2013 for the second installment. Unpaid assessments and land-based charges will result in the interruption of water service to the water user until payment is received. Contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for payoff amounts.

Lease of District Owned Land

The District has land available for lease in Fresno and Kings Counties. For a detailed list of available land, please contact Cork McIsaac of Agriculture Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan Public Comment Meeting in Fresno

Meetings have been scheduled throughout the state to provide information and accept public comments on the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan and associated EIR/EIS documents. A meeting in Fresno will be held on Wednesday, January 15, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Fresno Convention Center, 848 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Growers are encouraged to attend and provide public or written comment for this project. Written comments will be accepted until April 14, 2014 at BDCP.comments@noaa.gov. Key documents and additional information can be found at: <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/News/News.aspx>.

Regional Water Quality Control Board Public Hearing for the Western Tulare Lake Basin General Order

A hearing will be held by the RWQCB to consider the adoption of a General Order that will affect all District landowners and growers. The General Order will regulate waste discharges to surface and groundwater as well as require growers to provide several new reports to the RWQCB. The District has determined that the potential costs to its growers to implement the General Order will be \$9.21 per acre per year; of that amount, \$5.47 is for on-farm implementation of farming practices to minimize waste discharge to surface and groundwater and \$3.74 per acre per year to administer the provisions of the General Order. The meeting will be held on January 9 at 9 a.m. at the Los Banos Community Center (Grand Room), 645 7th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635. All landowners and/or growers are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide comments to the RWQCB.

San Luis Transmission Project Public Scoping Meeting

Western Area Power Administration will host public scoping meetings to consider constructing a 230 kV transmission line from the Tracy substation to the Central Valley Project's San Luis Unit facilities. The San Luis Unit is currently provided transmission service pursuant to a contract with Pacific Gas and Electric that expires in 2016. The project purpose is to ensure that CVP water continues to be delivered in the most economic manner possible. The meeting in this area will be held on January 9 at 5 p.m. at the Hotel Mission De Oro, 13070 South Highway 33, Santa Nella, CA 95322.

Holiday Office Closures & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday; Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day; and Monday, January 20, 2014, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Tuesday - December 24	Monday, December 23, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday or Thursday - December 25 or 26	Monday, December 23, noon
Wednesday - January 1	Tuesday, December 31, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday - January 2	Tuesday, December 31, noon
Saturday or Sunday - January 18 or 19	Friday, January 17, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - January 20 or 21	Friday, January 17, noon

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

Happy Holidays

From all the staff at the District, have a safe and happy holiday season!