



# Westlands Water District

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*This notice contains important information about the following:*

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## **2014-2015 CVP Water Supply Update**

The Bureau of Reclamation's initial zero allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors has not changed and, due to extraordinarily dry conditions, the District expects that the allocation will remain at zero for this contract year.

## **2014-2015 Supplemental Water Supply Update**

The District has received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 248,000 acre-feet on 372,000 acres. The District believes that it can acquire approximately 60,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water, although the efforts to acquire water will continue. The majority of Supplemental Water is being acquired from north-of-Delta and will be pumped between July and September. For water that is acquired, the District estimates that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$800-\$1,100 per acre-foot. Advance payment for the acquisition cost of the water is required at the time of allocation.

The District will allocate 1,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water to applicants later this month. Further, on July 8 the Finance & Administration Committee will meet to consider the "advance" allocation of up to 9,000 acre-feet, which will depend upon the pumping schedule and the water's availability.

## **Proposed Amendment to District Rules and Regulations to Prohibit Furrow Irrigation Rejected**

At its meeting on June 17, the Finance & Administration Committee rejected a recommendation to seek approval from the Board of Directors to amend the District's Rules and Regulations for the prohibition of furrow irrigation. The Committee took this action after receiving substantial written and oral comments from landowners and water users who attended the meeting.

**Water Ordering Procedures**

Due to the low water supply, it is important that water users comply with the District's water ordering procedures. The District is required to place orders with the Department of Water Resources on a daily basis. As a result, any water taken by water users without orders causes variances with DWR that then must be addressed by the District. Further, water users who are found running without orders can have their water turned off.

The schedule for placing water orders is as follows: Water orders for Tuesday through Saturday must be placed the prior day between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., by telephone or fax. Orders placed over the website are accepted until 10:00 a.m., for the following day. Water orders for Sunday and Monday must be placed by Noon the preceding Friday, either by phone, fax or website. Orders may be placed by calling (559) 241-6250 or (800) 266-6574, by Fax (559) 241-6276 or online at [www.westlandswater.org](http://www.westlandswater.org). To set up a Westlands online account please contact your Customer Accounting Technician at (559) 241-6250.

**Update on Proposed Canal Integration Program**

The District continues to seek approval from the Department of Water Resources and State Water Contractors for conveyance of groundwater in the San Luis Canal. Once an agreement is approved, District staff will host a workshop for project participants at the Five Points Shop and Field Office to discuss operational procedures and to answer questions.

**Long Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Enrollment**

Those landowners who missed the deadline to enroll in the District's third party coalition are encouraged to submit their Notices of Confirmation to the District as soon as possible to avoid being regulated as an individual discharger or being charged a late fee by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244.

**Land-Based Charges**

The first installments for payment of 2014-2015 Land-Based Charges were due May 25, 2014. 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.

**Lands Available for Lease**

The District has several parcels for lease. For a list of available land, please contact Cork Mclsaac of Agriculture Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

**Holiday Office Closure & Water Orders**

District offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014, 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>
Friday or Saturday - July 4 or 5	Thursday, July 3, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday or Monday - July 6 or 7	Thursday, July 3, noon

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