



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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2015-2016 Projected CVP Water Supply

The CVP started the new hydrologic season with approximately 2.9 million acre feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents approximately 47% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 1.1 million acre-feet, which is about 47% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 197,000 acre-feet (52% of 15-year average). With the Jones Pumping Plant currently operating at about 20% capacity and not expected to increase in the immediate future, the Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is unlikely to fill by February 28, 2014.

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. Absent significant precipitation in November, December, and January, the initial allocation for 2015 will be zero, and will likely remain zero under a Critically Dry and Dry Water Year Type.

2015 Contract Year						
South-of-Delta CVP Water Supply Allocation Forecast						
<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	0-10%	35-45%	0-25%	35-50%	0-25%	50-65%
Above Normal	0-5%	25-30%	0-10%	25-35%	0-15%	35-50%
Below Normal	0%	0-15%	0%	0-20%	0%	0-50%
Dry	0%	0%	0%	0-5%	0%	0-10%
Critically Dry	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Supplemental Water Update

The District received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 248,000 acre-feet (AF) on 370,000 acres. The District believes that it can acquire approximately 100,000 AF of Supplemental Water, although the efforts to acquire additional water are ongoing. Based upon this total, District staff estimates that water users could receive up to 0.27 AF/acre on the irrigable acres represented by the water user account listed on the application. The District made 15,000 AF available for allocation to water users in October, bringing the total Supplemental Water available and/or allocated to 30,740 AF.

The District estimates that the Supplemental Water delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$800-\$900 per acre-foot. Advance payment for the acquisition cost of the water is required at the time of allocation.

The majority of the District's Supplemental Water has been acquired from north of the Delta. High depletions and increased Delta salinity have limited Jones Pumping Plant operations for export of the District's Supplemental Water. However, conditions have improved recently and Delta pumping should increase in November. The Bureau of Reclamation plans to export all north-of-Delta transfers via Jones Pumping Plant by November 15, 2014. Allocations of Supplemental Water will depend on confirmation from Reclamation that the transfer water was pumped. The District will continue to monitor export pumping and advise water users as to the timing of allocations.

Update on Canal Integration Program

The District has extended the agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for conveyance of groundwater in the San Luis Canal through December 31, 2014. Water users who wish to participate must confirm that their well(s) meet water quality requirements, have DWR approved injection facilities in place and sign a conveyance agreement with the District. Interested water users should contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237 or Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

A new section has been added to the District's website regarding the recently passed legislation known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). As additional information becomes available, it will be added here: <http://wwd.ca.gov/resource-management/sustainable-groundwater-management-act/>. The groundwater sub-basin maps relative to the District are also included at this location.

2014 Repayment Contract Assessments

Assessment payments are due now and delinquent after November 20, 2014. 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.

2014 Crop Acreage Report

The 2014 Crop Acreage Report is now available on the District's website. This is a comprehensive list of crops grown in the District and the number of acres dedicated to each. Data is updated on an annual basis: <http://wwd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/croprpt14.pdf>.

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 Agriculture Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2015

Planning is underway for the 2015 season of the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The early reservation period opens to landowners and water users beginning on November 1, 2014, and continues through January 31, 2015. 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 Tuesday, November 11, 2014, in observance of Veterans Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Tuesday - November 11	Monday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday - November 12	Monday, November 10, noon

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

Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2015

Reservations are now being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club for the 2015 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 25, 2015, and ends on November 14, 2015.

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, 2015, 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.com (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.