



Westlands Water District

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This Notice contains important information about the following:

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2015-2016 CVP Water Supply Update

The Bureau of Reclamation maintained its zero allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors. Due to extraordinarily dry conditions, the District expects that the allocation will remain zero for this contract year. The District will provide additional notice to water users if the allocation changes.

Reclamation currently has approximately 4.9 million acre-feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents about 57% of the 15 year average. Shasta Reservoir storage is approximately 2.5 million acre-feet (66% of average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 333,000 acre-feet (50% of average). Hydrology continues to be well below average with the Northern Sierra 8 Station and the San Joaquin 5 Station indices recording only 77% and 42%, respectively, of average precipitation for the year. The statewide snow water content stands at 5% of average for this date. Jones Pumping Plant has been exporting water at approximately 10% of capacity and has pumped approximately 16,400 acre-feet thus far in May.

Rescheduled Water

The District rescheduled approximately 200,000 acre-feet of water in San Luis Reservoir on March 1, 2015. It is expected that there will be unlimited opportunity to continue to store and use this water through the 2015-2016 contract year.

2015-2016 Supplemental Water Update

The District timely received Supplemental Water applications for approximately 312,000 acre-feet on 412,000 acres. The District will make every effort to acquire Supplemental Water from available sources for the 2015-2016 contract year. However, due to the extremely dry conditions, lack of available water, and issues concerning Delta operations, the District anticipates that it will fulfill only about one-third of the Supplemental Water requests. Further, allocations will occur after October 2015, for the most part. It is estimated that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$1,100-\$1,300 per acre-foot.

Update on San Luis Canal Integration Program

The District is nearing completion of negotiating a Warren Act Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to continue the Canal Integration Program for the conveyance of non-Project water in the San Luis Canal. Staff anticipates restarting the Program very soon and it is expected to operate through September 30, 2015, although it may be shut down earlier if conditions warrant.

Water users who wish to participate must confirm that their well(s) meet water quality requirements, have approved injection facilities in place, and must sign a conveyance agreement with the District. Those interested in participating in the Program should contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237 or Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244.

Assessment Equalization Hearing

At the equalization hearing on May 19, 2015, the Board of Directors established the District's 2015 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment, which constitutes liens on each parcel of land assessed, due and payable as of May 19, 2015. Statements will be mailed in June and the assessments are delinquent after November 19, 2015. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for additional information.

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 Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - May 23 or 24	Friday, May 22, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - May 25 or 26	Friday, May 22, noon

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