



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's water allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors will remain zero for this contract year.

Reclamation currently has approximately 4.4 million acre-feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents about 54% of the 15 year average. Shasta Reservoir storage is approximately 2.3 million acre-feet (64% of average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 231,000 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 75% and 45%, respectively, of average precipitation for the water year. Jones Pumping Plant has been exporting water at approximately 10% of capacity and has pumped approximately 13,000 acre-feet thus far in June.

Rescheduled Water

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

2015-2016 Supplemental Water Supply 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 and Shasta operations, the District anticipates that it will fulfill only about 75,000 to 90,000 acre-feet 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.

On May 29, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board temporarily suspended Reclamation's temperature management plan for the Sacramento River to protect fish and wildlife. Since that time, Reclamation, the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the fisheries agencies and the State Board developed a new plan of operations to protect winter-run Chinook salmon. Reclamation and the fisheries agencies have reached agreement on the basic elements of a revised plan for Sacramento River temperature operations for the remainder of the year. Reclamation will maintain Keswick Reservoir base releases of 7,250 cfs, and target 57°F at Clear Creek. The State Board's goal is to maintain temperature control and conserve cold water resources in Shasta Reservoir.

The changes to the temperature management plan will affect CVP operations and could adversely impact Reclamation's ability to convey transfer water purchased by the District in 2015. However, the District, Reclamation, Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority intend to complete all necessary tasks to ensure that all of the District's transfer water is conveyed south of the Delta in 2015.

2014-2015 Supplemental Water Supply Update

On June 4, 2015, the District made available for allocation the last 16,684 acre-feet of 2014-2015 Supplemental Water, bringing the total amount of water made available to 117,986 acre-feet. The Finance & Administration Committee directed that the price of the water be adjusted down by \$75 per acre-foot to reflect final costs. For 2014-2015 Supplemental Water delivered prior to May 31, 2015, the District will be issuing a credit of \$75 per acre-foot. Water delivered after that date will be billed at \$863.98 per acre-foot.

Update on Canal Integration Program

The District is seeking final approval to start 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 the middle of September 2015, although it may be shut down earlier if conditions warrant.

Water users who wish to participate must confirm 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.

Regulations Prohibiting Waste of Water

Water users are reminded that the District's Rules and Regulations prohibit the waste of water. Failure to control and reuse tail water constitutes a waste of water. In addition, water users that fail to prevent tail water from discharging into west side creeks and streams are also in violation of the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order to growers in the Western Tulare Lake Basin Area and may be subject to individual waste discharge reporting and monitoring requirements.

District Election Information – Action May Be Required

The District will conduct an all-mail election for the Board of Directors on August 25, 2015. Ballots will be mailed to each District landowner, beginning the last week of July, 2015. As a reminder, please send in any newly recorded deeds (within last two months), trustee information if not on the recorded deed, and secondary ownership addresses by July 10, 2015, in order to ensure timely receipt of ballot materials. For additional assistance or information, refer to [Notice No. 449](#) or contact Deborah Tuggle (559) 241-6212 or Lucinda Anderson (559) 241-6218.

Promoting Paperless Products

The District is pleased to offer the benefit and convenience of several paperless products for customers to manage their accounts electronically:

- Electronic Monthly Statements - The District has made available electronic versions of the monthly statements provided to agricultural water users. The Statement of Account and the Water Activity Report (formerly known as the Allocation Summary Report) are available through your online account on the District's website.
- Payment Options – Automatic Bill Pay (ABP), Wire capability
- Electronic Access – Water User access and log-in options
- Monthly Landowner/Water User Notices - The District also sends a monthly Landowner/Water user notice and other notices as needed.

If you are still receiving paper copies of statements and notices and wish to switch to paperless products, please send an email to CustomerAccounting@wwd.ca.gov, or contact the Customer Accounting Department at (559) 241-6250.

Lands Available for Lease

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