



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 3.8 million acre-feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents about 50% of the 15-year average. Shasta Reservoir storage is approximately 2.0 million acre-feet (64% of average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 38,000 acre-feet (10% 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 47%, respectively, of average precipitation for the water year ending September 30. Jones Pumping Plant has been exporting water at approximately 10% of capacity and has pumped approximately 12,600 acre-feet thus far in July.

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 received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 312,000 acre-feet on 408,000 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 85,000 to 100,000 acre-feet of the Supplemental Water requests. For the most part, allocations will occur after October 2015; however, the District will allocate 8,000 acre-feet towards the end of July. It is estimated that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$1,300-\$1,350 per acre-foot.

The State Water Resources Control Board accepted Reclamation's new plan of operations to protect winter-run Chinook salmon. Reclamation will maintain Keswick Reservoir base releases of 7,250 cfs through August, and target 56°F to 58°F at Clear Creek. The State Board's goal is to maintain temperature control and conserve cold water resources in Shasta Reservoir. The effect of this lower target of base releases is that less water will be available at the Delta for export.

The changes to the temperature management plan will delay the conveyance of transfer water purchased by the District in 2015. Additionally, Reclamation will borrow water stored in San Luis Reservoir (SLR) to meet the summertime demands of the Exchange Contractors. 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 and that Reclamation's borrowing of water from SLR storage does not interrupt deliveries to the District.

Update on Canal Integration Program

The District entered into a conveyance agreement with Department of Water Resources (DWR) for conveyance of groundwater in the San Luis Canal (SLC). 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. The Program will operate until water quality in the SLC is substantially degraded or the end of September, whichever is first. Interested water users should contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237 or Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244.

Water Ordering Procedures for Groundwater Management and Temporary Diversion Programs

Water users that participate in the Groundwater Management and/or the Temporary Diversion Programs are required to place their water orders 3 days in advance, in accordance with the District's Terms and Conditions for Agricultural Water Service. It is important that water users comply with the ordering procedures to ensure that the District's request for power to operate these facilities is accurate. Failure to place timely "on" or "off" orders will result in inaccurate power requests and higher power costs to each of these programs and their participants.

The District's programs utilize energy from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Base Resource Contract. Because the energy available under the District's contract is rarely enough to cover energy demands of the programs, the District seeks to cover the balance of the demands by ordering the delivery of energy to the "grid" from long-term purchase contracts. To the extent that actual usage does not match this order, the District is either purchasing additional power or disposing of excess purchased power on the spot market. The spot market is often unfavorable for either purchasing or selling power and, as a result, increases costs.

San Luis Transmission Project

Western Area Power Administration and the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority are seeking public comment on a joint draft environmental impact statement and draft environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) that analyzes environmental impacts of the proposed San Luis Transmission Project. The project includes 95 miles of transmission lines and associated facilities that, if constructed, will connect the Bureau of Reclamation's San Luis Unit pumping facilities to WAPA's Central Valley Project. The draft EIS/EIR is available electronically at www.sltpeis-eir.com/ProjectDocs.html.

Two public meetings are planned:

August 10: 4-8 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express – Banquet Room
3751 N. Tracy Boulevard
Tracy, CA 95376

August 11: 4-8 p.m.
Community Center – Grand Room
645 Seventh Street
Los Banos, CA 93635

District Election Information

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 Monday, July 27, 2015. For additional assistance or information, refer to [Notice No. 449](#) or contact Deborah Tuggle (559) 241-6212 or Lucinda Anderson (559) 241-6218.

Lands Available for Lease

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

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