



# 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**

Reclamation currently has approximately 3.2 million acre-feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents about 50% of the 15-year average. Shasta Reservoir storage is approximately 1.9 million acre-feet (70% of average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 50,000 acre-feet (22% 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 less than 10% of capacity and has pumped approximately 9,700 acre-feet thus far in August.

## **Rescheduled Water**

The District rescheduled approximately 200,000 acre-feet of water in San Luis Reservoir on March 1, 2015. It is expected the opportunity to continue to store and use this water will not be limited through the 2015-2016 contract year.

## **2015-2016 Supplemental Water Supply Update**

The District received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 309,000 acre-feet on 412,000 acres. The District anticipates that it will fulfill only about 90,000 to 105,000 acre-feet of the Supplemental Water requests; however, the majority of supplemental water will not be allocated until the end of the year. The District has allocated 8,000 acre-feet to-date. For the most part, remaining allocations will occur after October 2015. The delivered cost to water users is estimated to be in the range of \$1,300-\$1,350 per acre-foot.

Reclamation continues to manage upstream reservoir releases into the Sacramento River under a plan approved by the State Water Resources Control Board to protect winter-run Chinook salmon. Reclamation will maintain Keswick 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.

Implementation of the temperature management plan will delay the conveyance of transfer water purchased by the District until after October 2015. Additionally, Reclamation borrowed water stored in San Luis Reservoir to meet the summertime demands of the Exchange Contractors. However, the District, Reclamation, Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority will complete all necessary tasks to ensure that all of the District's transfer water is conveyed south-of-Delta this year, that Reclamation returns all borrowed water before the end of the year, and that Reclamation's return of borrowed water does not interrupt the conveyance of transfer water.

### **Land-Based Charges September Installment**

The September installment of the 2015-2016 Land-Based Charges is due September 25, 2015. 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.

### **Advance Notice of 2016-2017 Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule**

The following table provides water users with one-year advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown schedule for fiscal year 2016-2017.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Division Valves</b>	<b>Pumping Plant</b>
September 26, 2016		6L
October 10	PV3-0.2	PV3
October 17		7L & 7-0.5
October 24		12R
October 31		27R
November 14		PV8
November 28		13L
December 5		13RA & 13RB
December 12		2RA & 2RB
January 2, 2017		15R
January 9		36L
January 23		22R
January 30		24R
February 6	PV2-0.5	PV2
February 13		21R

### **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.

**Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures**

District offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015, in observance of Labor Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
Saturday or Sunday - September 5 or 6	Friday, September 4, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - September 7 or 8	Friday, September 4, noon

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

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