



# Westlands Water District

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*This notice contains important information about the following:*

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## **2016-2017 Projected CVP Water Supply**

Reclamation currently has approximately 2.5 million acre feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents approximately 44% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 1.5 million acre-feet, which is about 65% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 51,000 acre-feet (17% of 15-year average). Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 20% capacity and has pumped approximately 40,000 acre-feet thus far in October.

Based upon these conditions, District staff expects that the initial allocation to Central Valley Project south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors will be 0% for the 2016-2017 water contract year, unless the fall and winter months are extremely wet and pumping at Jones Pumping Plant increases substantially. Staff will provide updates to water supply projections as more information becomes available.

## **Supplemental Water Update**

The District received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 303,000 acre-feet on 412,000 acres. The District anticipates that it will fulfill only about 100,000-110,000 acre-feet of the Supplemental Water requests. 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 and will make available for allocation an additional 16,000 acre-feet before the end of October. 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. According to the plan, Reclamation will maintain lower Keswick base releases to preserve cold water in Shasta so that target water temperatures of 56°F to 58°F can be maintained at Clear Creek during the fall. The effect of these lower target base releases is that less water has been available at the Delta for export.

Implementation of the temperature management plan has delayed the conveyance of transfer water purchased by the District. Though some transfer water has been conveyed, final accounting of transfers will probably not occur until December. The District, Reclamation, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority expect to be able to complete all necessary tasks to ensure that all of the District's transfer water is conveyed south-of-Delta this year.

### **Update on Canal Integration Program**

The District will restart and operate the Canal Integration Program for the last 10 days of October. 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.

### **2015 Repayment Contract Assessments**

Assessment payments are due now and delinquent after November 19, 2015. 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.

### **Water User Workshop and Scoping Session Presentation Materials**

A Water Users' Workshop and Scoping Session was held on October 13, 2015 to discuss matters of interest including the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the Drainage Settlement Agreement. Presentation materials can be found on the District's website: <http://wwd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/workshop-scoping-session.pdf>.

### **2015 Crop Acreage Report**

The 2015 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/2015/10/crop-report-2015.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 2016**

Planning is underway for the 2016 season of the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The early reservation period opens to landowners and water users beginning on November 1, 2015, and continues through January 31, 2016. 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 Wednesday, November 11, 2015, in observance of Veterans Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
Wednesday - November 11	Tuesday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday - November 12	Tuesday, November 10, noon

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

## **Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2016**

Reservations are being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club for the 2016 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 30, 2016, and ends on November 14, 2016.

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, 2016, 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](mailto: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.