



Westlands Water District

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2016-2017 Water Supply Update

District staff expects that the initial allocation by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to Central Valley Project (CVP) south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors will be 0% for the 2016-2017 water contract year because Reclamation is just now beginning to store 2016-2017 CVP water in San Luis Reservoir. Should wet hydrologic conditions persist on the San Joaquin River watershed, thereby reducing the impact from the Old and Middle River reverse flow restrictions, and if Jones Pumping Plant is operated near maximum permitted capacity, the final allocation by Reclamation may be higher. However, any CVP allocation to agricultural water service contractors is not expected until the latter part of the spring.

The CVP currently has approximately 6.54 million acre-feet of water stored in northern CVP reservoirs; this represents approximately 83% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 3.79 million acre-feet; 111% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 370,000 acre-feet; 50% of the 15-year average. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 75% of capacity and has pumped approximately 101,000 acre-feet thus far in March.

Rescheduled Water Update

The District rescheduled 208,705 acre-feet of water. The District anticipates the use of rescheduled water in the 2016 water contract year will not be limited. The rescheduling charge is \$9.25/AF.

2016-2017 Supplemental Water – Response May Be Required

The District is planning to acquire supplemental water from multiple sources for the 2016-2017 water contract year. It is estimated that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$700 - \$1,000 per acre-foot. The District anticipates that a partial allocation of Supplemental Water to water users will occur in late spring, but the majority of the Supplemental Water will be allocated through the summer and fall.

When the allocation of Supplemental Water occurs, the quantity allocated to a water user account is a proration based upon the water available at that time and the number of irrigable acres associated with accounts that have outstanding requests. When an account's request has been fulfilled, it will no longer receive allocations, and the irrigable acres associated with that account will not be factored into subsequent allocations. Accordingly, water users with relatively high per acre requests will receive the bulk (increment above the pro-rata amount) of their request later, if water is available.

Advance payment for acquisition costs of the water is required at the time of allocation, while operation and maintenance related costs will be billed when the water is used. The District will notify water users regarding the allocation advance payment when acquisition costs are more certain. The allocation advance payment will apply toward the delivered Supplemental Water rate. If an advance payment is delinquent for 30 days or more, the District may withdraw the water made available for allocation to a water user and reduce the water user's outstanding request by the same amount. The water will be allocated to water user accounts as Project water or non-Project water (if available), allowing Full-Cost rates to be applied as required by Reclamation law.

If you need Supplemental Water, please complete the enclosed agreement and return it to the Fresno Office by close of business on March 31, 2016. The agreement may be mailed to Westlands Water District at P.O. Box 6056, Fresno, CA 93703. Agreements not received at the District by the due date will not be considered timely (regardless of the postmark). You may also hand deliver the agreement to the District's Fresno Office at 3130 N. Fresno Street. Requests received after the deadline will receive a lower priority for allocations and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please direct questions to your Customer Accounting Technician at (559) 241-6250.

2016-2017 Canal Integration Program

The District is planning to operate the Canal Integration Program (CIP) under its Warren Act contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for the conveyance of non-Project groundwater in the San Luis Canal. Staff anticipates restarting the program on or about April 1, 2016, when final approvals for CIP pipeline crossings are received from the Department of Water Resources. Water users that are interested in participating in the CIP should direct any questions to Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244 or Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

2016-2017 Land-Based Charges

The bills for the 2016-2017 Land-Based Charges will be mailed on March 10, 2016, with the first installment due March 25, 2016, and the second installment due September 25, 2016. 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.

Annual Water Users' Workshop Presentation Materials

The Annual Water Users' Workshop was held on March 15, 2016, to discuss matters of interest including water supply, adopted budget, groundwater conditions and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Presentation materials can be found on the District's website:

<http://wwd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/wu-workshop.pdf>.

Westlands Water Quality Coalition Members – Farm Evaluation Submittal

The Westlands Water Quality Coalition (WWQC) Farm Evaluation Submittal website is in the final stages of completion, and the web address is: <http://wwqc.westlandswater.org/Account/Logon>. User name and password notifications will be provided by email or hardcopy to enrolled members based on your contact information on file with the Coalition. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244 cgallock@westlandswater.org or Debra Dunn at (559) 241-6242 ddunn@westlandswater.org.

One-Year Advance Notice of Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

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

Week	Division Valves To Be Inspected	Pumping Plant
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

Low Interest Irrigation Equipment Lease Program

The District’s Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP) offers low interest loans to water users for the lease-purchase of irrigation system equipment. The EISIP provides up to \$130,000 towards the design of irrigation systems and the purchase of irrigation system equipment, including portable aluminum irrigation pipe, micro irrigation, linear move and center pivots. Interested water users should contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

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.

Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations

Reservations are still being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The Club property was acquired by the District in 2006 to facilitate the raising of Shasta Dam. Until that time, the District is committed to operating the existing fishing club.

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 25, 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.

Although the early opportunity for landowners and water users to reserve a week at the Club closed on January 31, 2016, a number of weeks are still open. 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, and that is also the maximum number of rods permitted on this portion of the river. 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, but the maximum number of rods on this portion of the river is twelve. The cost is \$7,000 per week.

The District is utilizing the experienced fly fishing services of The Fly Shop in Redding, California to handle Club management activities and coordinate all uses of the property. Additionally, the Fly Shop 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 (email), or by mail at 4140 Churn Creek Road, Redding, CA 96002. For additional information, visit the Club's website: <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.