



# Westlands Water District

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## **CVP Water Supply**

The Bureau of Reclamation's initial allocation to Central Valley Project (CVP) south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors is 5% for the 2016-2017 water contract year. If Jones Pumping Plant operates near the maximum permitted capacity from July through the fall, then Reclamation could increase the allocation to 10%. However, any increase in the agricultural water service contractor allocation would not be expected until late-spring.

The CVP currently has approximately 7.47 million acre-feet of water stored in northern CVP reservoirs; this represents approximately 88% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 4.18 million acre-feet; 111% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 405,000 acre-feet; 54% of the 15-year average. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 20% of capacity and has pumped approximately 37,500 acre-feet thus far in April.

## **2017-18 Rescheduled Water**

Water users should be aware that San Luis Reservoir could fill before the end of the 2016-17 water contract year. The reasons for this forecast include increased storage in northern CVP reservoirs, capacity pumping at Jones Pumping Plant this summer and fall, and lower projected south-of-Delta agricultural demand (use) this year. Under Reclamation's typical Rescheduling Guidelines, the quantity of water that may be rescheduled into the 2017-18 water contract year will be limited by Reclamation's calculation of lost rescheduled water due to forgone pumping. That loss occurs when the District's and other contractors' south-of-Delta usage is less than Jones pumping, after San Luis Reservoir fills.

In recent years, the District's ability to reschedule water was not limited by a full San Luis Reservoir. However, circumstances indicate that water users should be mindful of the storage conditions going into the 2017-18 water contract year, and water users should plan their 2016 surface water deliveries to minimize their risk of losing water. District staff will continue to provide monthly updates on the prospects for rescheduling water as the year progresses.

## **2016-2017 Supplemental Water**

The District received timely applications for 2016-17 Supplemental Water totaling 152,382 acre-feet on 284,413 acres. It is estimated that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$700 - \$800 per

acre-foot. At this time, the District anticipates that it will be able to acquire approximately 100,000 AF of water supply and partially fulfill the requests. Advance payment for the acquisition costs of the water is required at the time of allocation, while conveyance related costs will be billed when the water is used.

Allocations of Supplemental Water will begin in April, and the timing and amounts of expected allocations for the year are shown in the table below.

<b>Allocation Month</b>	<b>AF Amount</b>
April - Estimated	7,205
May - Estimated	7,000
June - Estimated	26,000
July - Estimated	23,000
August - Estimated	5,000
September - Estimated	17,000
October - Estimated	9,000
November - Estimated	5,000
December - Estimated	1,000

This schedule will continue to be updated monthly to reflect additional supplies and/or changes to the timing for delivery.

#### **Update on San Luis Canal Integration Program**

The District began to operate the Canal Integration Program (CIP) on April 1, 2016, and will continue to operate it until August 31, 2016, or when the quantity of water conveyed reaches 30,000 acre-feet, whichever is sooner. Water users interested in participating in the CIP should direct any questions to Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244 or Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

#### **Assessment Equalization Hearing**

The Board of Directors will hold an equalization hearing to establish the District's 2016 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California. Copies of the 2016 Assessment Book are available for review at the Fresno and Five Points offices. The Assessment Book contains the valuation of all District lands and is based on the benefit assessment valuation schedule approved by the Board at its February meeting.

Landowners who question their land valuations and wish to petition the Board must submit a written application for a reduction of the land valuation on or before May 11, 2016. Landowners must include the reasons supporting the claim for reduction and an opinion of the proper valuation. For additional information, please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212.

#### **Water Ordering Procedures for Pumps Enrolled in District Power Programs**

The District's Groundwater Management Program and Temporary Diversion Program provide Western Area Power Administration energy to temporary diversion pumps, groundwater pumps, and drip system booster pumps. The District's Terms and Conditions for Agricultural Water Service apply to water delivered under the Groundwater Management and the Temporary Diversion programs. Accordingly, water users are required to place their water orders three days in advance if they are delivering water through a pump enrolled in a District power program. It is critical 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, therefore, increase power costs which are then passed on to program participants.

### **Land-Based Charges**

The 2016-2017 Land-Based Charges were mailed out on March 10, 2016 with the first installment due March 25, 2016 and the second installment due on September 26, 2016. The first installment is now delinquent; please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for a payoff amount.

### **Westlands Water Quality Coalition Members**

The Westlands Water Quality Coalition (WWQC) operates under General Order R5-2014-0001 issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The State Water Board has issued revisions to the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's General Order R5-2012-0116 that will take precedence and will be applied to all Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program General Orders. WWQC members are encouraged to review proposed changes here: <http://tinyurl.com/go66kot>. The State Water Resources Control Board will hold two workshops on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. in the Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, and on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Central Region, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno; written comments to the State Board will be accepted through Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244 or [cgallock@westlandswater.org](mailto:cgallock@westlandswater.org).

### **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.

### **Accepting Reservations for Bollibokka Fishing Club**

The Bollibokka Fishing Club is continuing to accept reservations. The District's March 18, 2016, Notice No. 469 contains additional information for anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity. The club's season runs from the last weekend in April through November 15 and there are still a number of weeks available at both the Clubhouse and the Way Station. The normal reservation period is Wednesday through Sunday, but reasonable accommodations to this schedule will be made, if possible. Please contact Michael Caranci of The Fly Shop at (800) 669-3474 (office), (530) 222-3572 (fax), [michael@theflyshop](mailto: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>.

### **Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures**

District offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016, in observance of Memorial Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
Saturday or Sunday - May 28 or 29	Friday, May 27, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - May 30 or 31	Friday, May 27, noon

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