



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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2016-2017 CVP Water Supply Update

The Bureau of Reclamation's allocation to Central Valley Project (CVP) south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors is 5% for the 2016-2017 water contract year. Based on anticipated agreement between Reclamation and the fisheries agencies regarding Jones Pumping Plant, summer operations and the actions taken by the District to use its acquired State Water Project (SWP) supplies, the District believes the allocation will remain at 5%, and is not anticipated to increase.

The CVP currently has approximately 5.4 million acre-feet of water stored in northern CVP reservoirs; this represents approximately 85% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 3.3 million acre-feet; 121% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 42,000 acre-feet; 20% of the 15-year average. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 70% of capacity and has pumped approximately 63,000 acre-feet thus far in August.

San Luis Reservoir Refill Projection

It is unlikely that the federal share of the San Luis Reservoir will fill in this water year. Jones Pumping Plant is expected to pump between 40%-60% of capacity during August, at or near capacity during the fall, with winter and spring pumping controlled by hydrology and regulatory actions. Although staff believes that the San Luis Reservoir will not fill, we will continue to monitor and provide water users with updated projections. In spite of the refill projections, water users are encouraged to manage their 2016 surface water deliveries to minimize the risk of losing water.

2016-2017 Supplemental Water Supply Update

The District received adjusted timely applications for 2016-17 Supplemental Water totaling 122,364 acre-feet and late applications totaling 1,660 acre-feet on 256,450 acres. It is estimated that the delivered cost to water users is estimated to range from \$700 to \$750 per acre-foot. At this time, the District anticipates that it will be able to acquire approximately 124,000 AF of water supply and fulfill the timely and late requests. However, water users with relatively high per acre requests or late requests will receive the bulk of their water later. Advance payment for the acquisition costs of the water is required at the time of allocation, though June and July allocations are subject to the payment provisions described in Notice 476, of July 12, 2016. Conveyance related costs will be billed when the water is used.

Allocations of Supplemental Water began in May, and the timing and amounts of expected allocations for the year are shown in the table below. This schedule will continue to be updated monthly to reflect additional supplies and/or changes to the timing for delivery.

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April	0
May – Actual	11,039
June – Actual	78,161
July – Actual	9,202
August – Actual	0
September – Estimated	22,000
October – Estimated	4,000
November – Estimated	0
December – Estimated	0

With the July 5, 2016 allocation, the District fulfilled the requests for all but approximately 33,000 acres. The District continues to receive offers to purchase additional Supplemental Water supplies. If water users wish to acquire additional Supplemental Water, they should consider submitting a late request.

Revised SLDMWA O&M Water Rate

On August 4, 2016, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Board reviewed and approved revised Self-Funding O&M water rates for the 2016-2017 water year. This rate is a decrease from \$88.81 per acre-foot to \$73.74 per acre-foot, a reduction of \$15.07 per acre-foot. The SLDMWA O&M rate revision will be retroactive to March 1, 2016.

The new rate will be implemented on the August water billing statements that will be mailed in early September. The revised rates are available on the District's website at <http://www.wwd.ca.gov>, under the *Water Management* section, or by calling Customer Accounting at (559) 241-6250.

Land-Based Charges September Installment

The September installment of the 2016-2017 Land-Based Charges is 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.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

The District's Board of Directors elected to file a Notice of Intent to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) on July 19. Serving as the GSA will promote local management of our groundwater resources. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) posted the District's GSA formation notification on their website, http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsa_table.cfm, on August 3, which starts the 90-day posting period. DWR is expected to select the District as the exclusive GSA of the Westside Subbasin on November 1, 2016, if no other eligible overlapping agency applies for GSA status within the management area. The next steps in the District's SGMA implementation are completing the hydrogeologic groundwater model, hosting a series of facilitated workshops with interested parties and developing an Interim Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) of the GSA management area. Please contact Kiti Campbell at (559) 241-6226 for additional information.

Cantua Creek Stream Group Improvement Project Construction

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will begin construction on its "Cantua Creek Stream Group Improvement Project." This project will involve raising the embankment on the San Luis Canal to protect against future flooding and anticipated to begin September 6th and conclude October 31st. The affected area is located between Clarkson and Oakland Avenues primarily on the West Bank. District staff will work with DWR to limit any access restrictions during construction; it is important to note that this will not affect water deliveries. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Vandergon in the Five Points Field Office at (559) 884-2523 ext. 107 or Surinder Tumber at DWR at (916) 653-5711.

Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westlands Water District will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., at the Fresno District Office's Boardroom located at 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93703. The following items will be discussed: Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) and the Coordinated Operation Agreement (COA) between the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources. An Agenda will be posted on our website.

Reminder: Keep Areas Clear Around Meter Systems

The District reminds all water users to please keep areas clear around meters, tanks and facilities of equipment and debris so that District staff can easily access for routine reading and maintenance. Hazards include bee boxes, hoses and fertilizer tanks.

Lands Available for Lease

The District has upwards of 20,000 acres for lease this fall. For a list of available land, please contact Cork McIsaac of Agriculture Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

Advance Notice of 2017-2018 Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

The following table provides water users with one-year advance notice of the District's planned pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown schedule for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Week	Division Valves	Pumping Plant
October 9, 2017		21L
October 16	29-1.0	29L
October 23	27-5.0	27L
October 30	28-2.0, 3.0, & 4.0	28L
November 13	PV9-1.5	PV9
November 27	12-0.5	12L
December 4		1RA, 1R-2.0B & 1R-4.0B
December 11		1R-4.0C & 1R-4.0D
December 18		1R-4.0-1.0C & 1R-4.0-1.0-1.0D
January 8, 2018		3R
January 22		10L
January 29	30-1.3	30L
February 5		34L
February 12		19L
February 26		1L

Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016, in observance of Labor Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - September 3 or 4	Friday, September 2, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - September 5 or 6	Friday, September 2, noon

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