



# Westlands Water District: Who We Are.

**Westlands Water District is the largest agricultural water district in the United States, made up of more than 1,000 square miles of prime farmland in western Fresno and Kings Counties. Under federal contracts, Westlands provides water to 700 family-owned farms that average 875 acres in size.**

- Growers in the fertile Westlands district produce more than sixty high-quality food and fiber crops, including row crops like tomatoes, onions, melons, grapes and nut crops. Central Valley farmers grow products consumed by Californians but also support transportation and logistics jobs involved in transporting products to other states and more than 150 countries around the world.
- Westlands growers produce an average of more than \$1 billion worth of food and fiber annually, generating approximately \$3.5 billion in farm-related economic activities in local communities.



## FAST FACTS:

### SERVICE AREA:

614,700 acres in Fresno and Kings County on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, including the communities of Mendota, Five Points, Huron, Tranquillity, Firebaugh, Three Rocks, Cantua Creek, Helm, San Joaquin, Kerman, Lemoore and Coalinga.

### CUSTOMERS:

Westlands has more than 700 family farms in the District, which depend upon water for irrigation purposes. Westlands also provides limited quantities of untreated, non-potable CVP water which is ultimately used for municipal and industrial (M&I) purposes in the District.

### MILES OF PIPE:

1,034

### TEN-YEAR WATER ALLOCATION FROM CVP:

2006 – 100%	2012 – 40%
2007 – 50%	2013 – 20%
2008 – 40%	2014 – 0%
2009 – 10%	2015 – 0%
2010 – 45%	2016 – 5%
2011 – 80%	



## Central Valley Project

- Westlands receives its water allocation under a joint venture agreement between the federal government and the State of California as part of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project (CVP), one of the largest public works projects in the country. Groundbreaking of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project took place in 1962; the San Luis Canal was completed in 1968 and Westlands began receiving water deliveries thereafter.
- Deliveries from the CVP allow growers in the Westlands District to curtail their dependence on groundwater pumping, which can be associated with aquifer overdraft. Recognizing the value of a consistent and stable water supply to the region and the state, the farms within the Westlands Water District are extremely productive and water-efficient, largely due to the installation and maintenance of modern technological innovations and sustainability strategies.
- The Westlands water delivery system utilizes 1,034 miles of fully-enclosed buried pipes and 3,300 water meters along the entirety of its system to ensure water is delivered with zero losses due to seepage, evaporation, or spills during transportation and delivery. About 80% of Westlands' irrigated lands are serviced by efficient drip irrigation systems, representing an investment of more than \$500 million.

