



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 CVP 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 4.8 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 2.9 million acre-feet; 118% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 79,000 acre-feet; 33% of the 15-year average. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 80% of capacity and has pumped approximately 146,000 acre-feet thus far in September.

Rescheduled Water/San Luis Reservoir Refill Projection

It is unlikely that the federal share of the San Luis Reservoir will fill in this water contract year. Jones Pumping Plant is expected to pump between 80-100% of capacity during September, 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 117,014 acre-feet and late applications totaling 5,633 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 between 125,000 and 132,000 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. 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	10,000
October – Estimated	16,500
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.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

The District has scheduled a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) workshop on October 31, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., at the District's Five Points Field Office. The District's staff will outline the GSP regulations, the GSP frame work to achieve sustainability of the Westside Subbasin and provide interested parties a forum to provide comments and ideas on the District's GSP development. Please contact Kiti Campbell at (559) 241-6226 for additional information.

Westlands Water Quality Coalition Members

The Westlands Water Quality Coalition (WWQC) serves as a third-party to carry out the waste discharge requirements of the Western Tulare Lake Basin General Order R5-2014-0001 (GO). It is **mandatory** that members of the Westlands Water Quality Coalition (WWQC) complete a Farm Evaluation (FE) that describes crop year 2015 management practices implemented to protect surface water and groundwater quality. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has initiated enforcement actions to others for failure to submit FEs. Non-submittal may subject

you to misdemeanor and/or civil liability fines as high as \$1,000 per day and will result in the RWQCB directly regulating your farming operation. **Please submit your FE by October 7, 2016.**

Irrigation Evaluation Cost Share Program

The District is offering a cost share program to water users who pay for irrigation evaluations. The amount of the reimbursement is set at 25% of the invoice amount or \$500, whichever is less, and water user must be willing to submit copies of paid invoice(s) and evaluation report(s). Interested water users should contact Israel Sanchez at 559-241-6237 for further details.

Land-Based Charges September Installment

The September installment of the 2016-2017 Land-Based Charges is due September 26, 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.

Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest has provided the enclosed announcement informing interested bidders about Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases at Naval Air Station Lemoore. Please use the contact information in the announcement if you have any questions about the agricultural lease program.

Lease of District Owned Land

The District currently has approximately 20,000 acres of 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO LEASE GOVERNMENT LANDS
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES**

1. The Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest, proposes to lease Government owned land for agricultural purposes located at Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA under the process and terms outlined in the **Invitation for Bid (IFB)**.
2. Sealed bid and deposit must be received at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, ATTN: Desert IPT Real Estate, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California, 92132-5190, by **10:00 A.M., Pacific Time, on Thursday, October 20, 2016.** The bid opening will be conducted via a live conference call **ONLY** at **10:00 AM, Pacific Time on Thursday, October 20, 2016.** **As there will be no public access to the conference center,** refer to call-in information in the IFB to listen to the actual bid opening. Bids will NOT be accepted after 10:00 A.M. **FAX COPIES OF PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED RESPONSIVE.**

3. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Parcel(s)	Acres (AC) Farmable/Rangeland	IFB Number	Lease Term
4A23/4A24/4A25/4A26	+/- 727.1 Total AC	N62473LO10579	Lease term not to exceed Ten (10 years)
4A05/4A06/4A07	+/- 588.1 Total AC	N62473LO10580	
4A32/4A33	+/- 326.5 Total AC	N62473LO10581	Please reference each Parcel's Invitation for Bid on NECO for the details of the Lease terms
4A42/4A46/4A47	+/- 575.8 Total AC	N62473LO10582	
4A49/4A53/4A55/4A56	+/- 706.9 Total AC	N62473LO10583	
4A58	+ / - 962.1 Total AC	N62473LO10353	

4. IFB package and instructions will be posted electronically on Navy Electronic Commerce Online (NECO). Interested bidders can view the IFB package by parcel number, print, and submit the completed Bid Form with a bid deposit.

5. Interested bidders can access the following NECO website: <https://www.neco.navy.mil> and proceed with the following steps:

1. Search Synopsis
2. Under NAICS Code scroll down to: "111 - Crop Production"
3. Click on "Search" at bottom of page.
4. Click on the NAS Lemoore Parcel you wish to view.
5. Click on "View Solicitation."
6. Under the Line Items section, download the file listed.
7. The IFB documents must be reviewed thoroughly.
8. Print the IFB documents, which include the Bid Form in the downloaded file.
9. Complete and submit bid according to instructions outlined in the IFB.

6. If you are a registered user on NECO, you may add yourself to the Plan Holder List. The Plan Holder List will notify you if there are any updates or amendments to the advertisement. To add yourself to the Plan Holder List: after you click on View Solicitation, locate Plan Holder List (below Issue Date) and click on "Add/Del."

7. If you have any questions, please contact Alia Sumpter, Realty Specialist, at (619) 532-3027 or via email at alia.sumpter@navy.mil and Redna Fork, Realty Specialist, at (619) 532-2418 or via email at redna.fork@navy.mil.

8. The Department of the Navy reserves the right not to award the Lease.