



# Westlands Water District

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*This notice contains important information about the following:*

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## **2016-2017 Projected CVP Water Supply**

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 CVP operations to date and projections for the remaining water contract year, the District believes the allocation will remain at 5%, and is not anticipated to increase.

The CVP currently has approximately 4.6 million acre-feet of water stored in northern CVP reservoirs; this represents approximately 82% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 2.7 million acre-feet; 116% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 101,000 acre-feet; 35% of the 15-year average. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 80% of capacity and has pumped approximately 134,000 acre-feet thus far in October.

## **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 70-100% of capacity during October, and at or near capacity during the remainder of 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 Update**

The District received adjusted timely applications for 2016-17 Supplemental Water totaling 117,014 acre-feet and late applications totaling 7,058 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 acquire about 138,000 acre-feet of water supply and fulfill the timely and late requests, and have 14,000 acre-feet remaining. 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.

<b>Allocation Month</b>	<b>AF Amount</b>
April	0
May – Actual	11,039
June – Actual	78,161
July – Actual	8,961
August – Actual	0
September – Actual	10,086
October – Actual	9,997
November – Estimated	6,100
December – Estimated	0

With the October 5, 2016 allocation, the District fulfilled the timely requests and about 1,400 acre-feet of late requests. 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. The District currently forecasts it will have some unsubscribed supplemental water available once timely and late requests are fulfilled.

### **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Workshop**

The District has scheduled a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) workshop on Monday, October 31, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., at the District's Five Points Field Office. A draft agenda is attached. 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.

### **Adjourned Monthly Board and Committee Meetings**

Notice is hereby given that the November 15, 2016, meeting of the Board of Directors and Committee Meetings have been adjourned to Tuesday, November 22, 2016. The Finance and Administration Committee will convene at 10:00 a.m.; the Water Policy Committee will convene at 11:00 a.m., and the Board of Directors will convene at 1:00 p.m., at the District's Fresno Office located at 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California.

### **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. **The WWQC is required to submit its list of compliant members to the RWQCB.**

**2016 Repayment Contract Assessments**

Assessment payments are due now and delinquent after November 17, 2016. A five percent penalty will be added after the delinquent date and water service will not be provided. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for additional information about assessments.

**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 Mclsaac of Agriculture Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

**Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2017**

Planning is underway for the 2017 season of the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The early reservation period opens to landowners and water users beginning on November 1, 2016, and continues through January 31, 2017. Please see the attached flyer for further information about the Bollibokka Fishing Club and how to make reservations.

**Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures**

District offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2016, in observance of Veterans Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
Friday or Saturday - November 11 or 12	Thursday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday or Monday - November 13 or 14	Thursday, November 10, noon

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

# **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Workshop**

**Monday, October 31, 2016**

**1:00 p.m.**

Westlands' Five Points Shop and Field Office

## **Program**

### **Introductions and Opening Comments**

*Dan Pope, Chief Operating Officer*

### **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Groundwater Sustainability Plan Regulations and Groundwater Conditions**

*Kiti Campbell, Senior Resources Engineer*

### **Public Input**

*Jose Gutierrez, Deputy General Manager-- Resources*

## **Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations for 2017**

Reservations are being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club for the 2017 season. The Club property was acquired by the District in 2006 to facilitate the raising of Shasta Dam. Until the Dam project is undertaken by the United States, the District is committed to operating the existing fishing club. In addition to past users of the Club, all District landowners and water users are given first opportunity to reserve a fishing date.

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 29, 2017, and ends on November 13, 2017.

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.

This early opportunity to reserve a week at the Club ends on January 31, 2017, when reservations will be open to the general public. 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. The cost is \$4,410 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. The cost is \$7,350 per week.

The District utilizes the experienced fly fishing services of The Fly Shop in Redding, California to handle Club management activities. The Fly Shop will coordinate all uses of the property. It 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.com](mailto:michael@theflyshop.com) (email), or visit the website at <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.