



Westlands Water District

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CVP Water Supply Update

The Bureau of Reclamation's 2016-2017 water contract year allocation to Central Valley Project (CVP) south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors is 5%. 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 6 million acre-feet of water stored in northern CVP reservoirs; this represents 100% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 3.3 million acre-feet; 135% of normal for this time of year. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 382,000 acre-feet; 74% of the 15-year average. Jones Pumping Plant is currently operating at about 80% of capacity and has pumped approximately 143,000 acre-feet thus far in December.

2016-2017 Water Supply and Rescheduling

At the end of November, water users had remaining supplies of approximately 236,000 acre-feet. If demands for water and transfers into the District follow current projections through February, the District could have about 230,000 acre-feet of water stored in San Luis Reservoir on March 1, 2017. Because San Luis Reservoir is not projected to fill this year, the District expects that it will continue to have the ability to reschedule water into the 2017 water contract year.

Supplemental Water Update

The District received adjusted timely applications for 2016-17 Supplemental Water totaling 116,705 acre-feet and late applications totaling 8,863 acre-feet on 256,450 acres. It is estimated that the delivered cost for water users will be \$695 per acre-foot. At this time, the District anticipates it will acquire about 139,600 acre-feet of water supply and fulfill the timely and late requests and have approximately 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.

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April	0
May – Actual	11,039
June – Actual	78,161
July – Actual	8,961
August – Actual	0
September – Actual	10,086
October – Actual	9,882
November – Actual	6,789
December – Actual	650

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.

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

The District conducted (3) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development workshops on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at the District's Five Points Field Office. The GSP workshops were divided into three discussions that focused on water users within the western, central and eastern hydrogeologic areas of the Westside Subbasin. Presentations from the workshops are available on the District's SGMA webpage: <http://wwd.ca.gov/resource-management/sustainable-groundwater-management-act/>. Please contact Kiti Campbell at (559) 241-6226 for additional information.

Westlands Water Quality Coalition Members

The first quarter Westlands Water Quality Coalition (WWQC) Members' Workshop was held on December 21, 2016, to discuss coordination with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), member reporting, fees/budget, coalition activities, and program updates. Presentation materials are available on the District's website: <http://wwd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/ILR-Program.pdf>. Additional opportunities for Members to meet the annual workshop attendance requirement will be provided each quarter. Please contact Charlotte Gallock at (559) 241-6244 cgallock@westlandswater.org or Debra Dunn at (559) 241-6242 ddunn@westlandswater.org with any questions or comments.

Storm Water Runoff and Water Quality Sampling of Creeks

As a reminder, all landowners and farm operators adjacent to the Panoche-Silver Creek, Cantua Creek and Arroyo Pasajero Creek should allow District staff and laboratory personnel access to creeks for water quality sampling. Please utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) during the application of chemicals, along with adherence to the EPA's requirements listed on labels. It is extremely important you verify that everyone involved in your operation's chemical application process is aware of the BMP's used for mixing, applying and disposing of chemicals. Please contact Charlotte Gallock (559) 241-6244 if water is flowing in the aforementioned creeks or if you have questions regarding the Westlands Water Quality Coalition requirements or the Regional Board's General Order.

Low Interest Irrigation Equipment Lease Program

The District's Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP) offers low interest loans at 3.1% to water users for the lease-purchase of irrigation system equipment. EISIP provides funding up to \$130,000 towards the purchase of irrigation system equipment, the design of irrigation system and purchase of portable aluminum

irrigation pipe, micro irrigation, linear move and center pivots. Interested water users should contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237 to begin the application process.

State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program

In addition to the District's EISIP program, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has announced a competitive application process for its 2017 State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) for projects that implement on-farm irrigation systems that reduce energy use, resulting in greenhouse gas emission reductions and water savings. The CDFA anticipates releasing a request for applications in January, with a deadline for submittals in February. For detailed information on eligibility and program requirement, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/SWEEP.

Assessments and Land-Based Charges

The 2016 Repayment Contract Assessments were delinquent after November 17, 2016. They now are subject to a 5% penalty. Land-based charges were due March 25, 2016, for the first installment and September 26, 2016 for the second installment. Unpaid assessments and land-based charges will result in the interruption of water service to the water user until payment is received. Contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for payoff amounts.

District Refunds

The District issued refunds in December for the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) Water Year 2014. Checks were mailed on December 21, 2016. The District will also issue refunds for the 2010-2014 Department of Water Resources/San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority Joint Use Facilities Credit. Checks will be mailed in January 2017.

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.

Holiday Office Closures & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday; Monday, January 2, for New Year's Day and Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday - December 31	Friday, December 30, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, Monday or Tuesday - January 1 or 2 and 3	Friday, December 30, noon
Saturday or Sunday - January 14 or 15	Friday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - January 16 or 17	Friday, January 13, noon

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

Happy Holidays

From all the staff at the District, have a safe and happy holiday season!