



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

- **2014-2015 CVP Water Supply Update**
- **2014-2015 Supplemental Water Supply Update**
- **Land-Based Charges September Installment**
- **Lease of District Owned Land**

2014-2015 CVP Water Supply Update

The Bureau of Reclamation's allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors will remain zero for this contract year.

2014-2015 Supplemental Water Supply Update

The District has received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 248,000 acre-feet (AF) on 370,000 acres. The District believes that it can acquire approximately 75,000 AF of Supplemental Water, although the efforts to acquire additional water are ongoing. Based upon this total, District staff estimates that water users could receive up to 0.202 AF/acre on the irrigable acres represented by the water user account listed on the application. The District allocated 1,240 AF in September, bringing the total Supplemental Water allocated to 7,140 AF.

The majority of Supplemental Water is being acquired from north of the Delta, and is planned to be pumped between mid-September and November. Earlier this year, high depletions in the Delta limited operations of Jones Pumping Plant for export of the District's Supplemental Water. Conditions have improved and Delta pumping has increased; however, allocations will be dependent upon confirmation that the Supplemental Water has been pumped. The District will continue to monitor the pumping and advise water users as to the timing of allocations.

For water that is acquired, the District estimates that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$800-\$1,100 per acre-foot. Advance payment for the acquisition cost of the water is required at the time of allocation.

Land-Based Charges September Installment

The September installment of the 2014-2015 Land-Based Charges is due September 25, 2014. 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.

Lease of District Owned Land

The District still has 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.

Tenants are reminded that livestock grazing, although a permitted use under the standard lease terms, is not an effective means of weed control or abatement. Fields must not become overgrown with weeds because they create a nuisance to neighbors. When District personnel identify a field with excessive weeds, the tenant will be given notice and must mow and/or disc within a reasonable timeframe, not to exceed 30 days. Otherwise, the District will retain a contractor to perform the work and recover the cost according to the security provisions of the lease.

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