

## **Westlands Water District**

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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A number of questions have been asked by Westlands Water District growers concerning the apparent discrepancy between projections of water allocations by Westlands and the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority for the 2015 contract year (March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016). Westlands staff has projected that, absent significant precipitation in November, December, and January, the initial allocation for 2015 will be zero. The Authority staff has issued a projection that under "average conditions," the allocation for 2015 could be 15–35%. On their face these projections seem inconsistent, but the projections are not comparable. The previously stated Westlands projection concerns the initial allocation, while the Authority projection concerns the final allocation.

To avoid further confusion, the Westlands staff has prepared the following table with forecasted initial and final allocations. This table is in the same format Westlands used in 2014 to provide growers with potential allocations under various scenarios. In addition to differentiating between initial and final allocations, the table contains a forecasted range of allocations based on the water year classification and the degree to which biological opinions restrict operations of the Central Valley Project.

2015 Contract Year South-of-Delta CVP Water Supply Allocation Forecast						
	Delta Pumping Restrictions Imposed Under Biological Opinions					
	<b>Maximum Restriction</b>		<b>Moderate Restriction</b>		<b>Minimal Restriction</b>	
Water Year Type	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Wet	0-10%	35-45%	0-25%	35-50%	0-25%	50-65%
Above Normal	0-5%	25-30%	0-10%	25-35%	0-15%	35-50%
Below Normal	0%	0-15%	0%	0-20%	0%	0-25%
Dry	0%	0%	0%	0-5%	0%	0-10%
Critically Dry	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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It is important to note that absent above-average precipitation during the November through January period, the initial allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural service contractors will be zero.

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