



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

- **2014-2015 Water Supply and Rescheduling**
- **2015-2016 CVP Contract Allocation**
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2014-2015 Water Supply and Rescheduling

At the end of November, water users had remaining supplies of approximately 185,000 acre-feet. If demands for water and transfers into the District match staff's projections through February, the District will have about 170,000 acre-feet of water in San Luis Reservoir on March 1, 2015. Because San Luis Reservoir is not projected to fill this year, the District expects that there will be unlimited opportunity to reschedule water into the 2015 contract year.

2015-2016 CVP Contract Allocation

The CVP has approximately 3.2 million acre feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents approximately 52% of the 15-year average. Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 1.45 million acre-feet (58% of 15-year average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 216,000 acre-feet (38% of 15-year average). With the Jones Pumping Plant operating at about 60% capacity, the federal share of San Luis Reservoir is unlikely to fill by February 28, 2015.

Based upon these conditions and certain assumptions concerning hydrology, District staff is projecting the ranges of potential Central Valley Project allocations for the 2015-2016 contract year as follows:

2015-2016 Contract Year						
South-of-Delta CVP Water Supply Allocation Forecast						
Water Year Type	Delta Restrictions Imposed Under Biological Opinions					
	Maximum		Moderate		Minimal	
	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%	0-50%
Dry	0%	0%	0%	0-5%	0%	0-10%
Critically Dry	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Supplemental Water Update

The District received timely Supplemental Water applications for approximately 247,000 acre-feet (AF) on 368,000 acres. The District made 41,000 AF available for allocation to water users in December, bringing the total Supplemental Water allocated this year to approximately 101,000 AF. This completes the allocation of all Supplemental Water acquired this year, although the District will continue to try to acquire additional water to meet outstanding requests.

The District estimates that the Supplemental Water delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$800-\$900 per acre-foot. Advance payment for the acquisition cost of the water is required at the time of allocation.

Revised 2014-2015 Water Rates and Charges

The Board of Directors has revised the 2014-2015 Water Rates and Charges, retroactive to March 1, 2014. The Cost of Service water rate has been increased to \$246.92 per acre-foot, with a corresponding increase in the Full Cost rate. The changes to the water rates and charges were necessary due to lower-than-anticipated surface water deliveries during the year, affecting the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority O&M, District O&M, and Water Delivered Benefit rates.

The new rates will be implemented on the December water billing statements that are mailed early in January and due January 25, 2015. The revised rates are available on the District's website at <http://www.wwd.ca.gov>, under the *Water Management* section, or by calling Customer Accounting at (559) 241-6250.

Low Interest Irrigation Equipment Lease Program

The District's Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP) offers low interest loans to water users for the lease-purchase of irrigation system equipment. EISIP funds 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 may contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237 to begin the application process.

Assessments and Land-Based Charges

The 2014 Repayment Contract Assessments were delinquent after November 20, 2014. They now are subject to a 5% penalty. Land-based charges were due May 25, 2014 for the first installment and September 25, 2014 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.

Backflow Prevention

The District reminds all water users that they are to configure their on-farm distribution system and shall install appropriate equipment to prevent water from reverse-flowing into the District's deliveries and distribution system. Water users that are found to be out of compliance will be contacted and asked to reconfigure their system(s) or install appropriate equipment. Failure to comply could result in termination of water service at the affected deliveries.

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.

Holiday Office Closures & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday; Thursday, January 1 for New Year’s Day; and Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Wednesday - December 24	Tuesday, December 23, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday or Friday - December 25 or 26	Tuesday, December 23, noon
Thursday - January 1	Wednesday, December 31, 9:30 a.m.
Friday - January 2	Wednesday, December 31, noon
Saturday or Sunday – January 17 or 18	Friday, January 16, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday – January 19 or 20	Friday, January 16, 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!

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