



# Westlands Water District

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## **2015-2016 Water Supply Update**

On February 27, 2015, the Bureau of Reclamation announced an initial zero allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors. Reclamation did not issue an updated allocation announcement this month. However, due to extraordinarily dry conditions, the District expects that the allocation will remain zero for this water year. The District will provide additional notice to water users if the allocation changes.

Reclamation currently has approximately 5.4 million acre-feet of water in key reservoirs; this represents about 63% of the 15 year average. Shasta Reservoir storage is approximately 2.7 million acre-feet (77% of average). Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 400,000 acre-feet (51% of average). Hydrology continues to be well below average with the Northern Sierra 8 Station and the San Joaquin 5 Station indices recording only 80% and 44%, respectively, of average precipitation for the year and the statewide snow water content stands at 12% of average for this date. Jones Pumping Plant has been exporting water at approximately 50% of capacity and has pumped approximately 53,000 acre-feet thus far in March. However, exports at Jones dropped to about 900 cfs this week to meet D-1641 standards.

## **Rescheduled Water Update**

The District rescheduled approximately 200,000 acre-feet of water in San Luis Reservoir on March 1, 2015. It is expected that there will be unlimited opportunity to continue to store and use this water through the 2015-2016 contract year.

## **2015-2016 Supplemental Water – Response May Be Required**

The District plans to acquire Supplemental Water from multiple sources for the 2015-2016 contract year. It is estimated that the delivered cost to water users will be in the range of \$900-\$1,200 per acre-foot. The District anticipates that the allocation of Supplemental Water to water users will occur, for the most part, after August 2015. For more information and a copy of the Supplemental Water agreement, please refer to last month's Notice No. 444 dated February 20, 2015.

If you need Supplemental Water, please complete the agreement and return it to the Fresno Office by close of business on March 31, 2015. The agreement may be mailed to Westlands Water District, P.O. Box 6056, Fresno, CA 93703, but agreements not received at the District by the due date will not be considered timely (regardless of the postmark). You may also hand deliver the agreement to the District's Fresno Office at 3130 N. Fresno Street. Agreements received after the deadline will receive a lower priority for allocations and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please direct questions to your Customer Accounting Technician at (559) 241-6250.

### **2015-2016 Canal Integration Program**

The District is working to complete a new Warren Act contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to continue the Canal Integration Program for the conveyance of non-Project groundwater in the San Luis Canal. Staff anticipates restarting the program after April 1, 2015, when approvals are received from Reclamation and the District's Board of Directors. Water users that are interested in participating in the Program should direct any questions to Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

### **2015-2016 Land-Based Charges**

The bills for Land-Based Charges were mailed on March 5, 2015, with the first installment due March 25, 2015 and the second installment due September 25, 2015. 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.

### **One-Year Advance Notice of Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule**

The following table provides water users with advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown schedule for fiscal year 2015-2016.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Division Valves To Be Inspected</b>	<b>Pumping Plant</b>
September 14, 2015		25L
September 21	32-2.0	32L
September 28		PV4
October 12		PV6
October 19		23R
October 26–Nov 7	Inspect/Repair 3-2.7 Slide Gate	3L
November 9		6-1 & 6-2
November 16	31-1.5	31L
November 30		7RA, 7RB, 7RC & 7RD
December 7		11R
December 14		17RA, 17RB & 17RC
January 4–16, 2016	4-0.5 & Repair 4-6.5 Subline Valve	4L
January 25	33-2.0	33L
February 1		22L
February 8		24L

### **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. The EISIP provides up to \$130,000 towards the design of irrigation systems and the purchase of irrigation system equipment, including portable aluminum irrigation pipe, micro irrigation, linear move and center pivots. Interested water users should contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

### **Lands Available for Lease**

The District has several parcels for lease. For a list of available land, please contact Cork McIsaac of Agriculture Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

### **Bollibokka Fishing Club Reservations**

Reservations are still being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The Club property was acquired by the District in 2006 to facilitate the raising of Shasta Dam. Until that time, the District is committed to operating the existing fishing club.

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 25, 2015, and ends on November 14, 2015. 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.

Although the early opportunity for landowners and water users to reserve a week at the Club closed on January 31, 2015, a number of weeks are still open. 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, and that is also the maximum number of rods permitted on this portion of the river. The cost is \$4,200 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, but the maximum number of rods on this portion of the river is twelve. The cost is \$7,000 per week.

The District is utilizing the experienced fly fishing services of The Fly Shop in Redding, California to handle Club management activities and coordinate all uses of the property. Additionally, the Fly Shop 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 (email), or by mail at 4140 Churn Creek Road, Redding, CA 96002. For additional information, visit the Club's website: <http://www.theflyshop.com/adventures/bollibokka.htm>

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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.

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