



Westlands Water District

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WESTLANDS' FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

THE WEEKLY REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S BROKEN WATER SYSTEM

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mis-lead-ing *adjective* - giving the wrong idea or impression

After reading some media statements or opinion editorials, you might be under the impression that water agencies, including Westlands Water District, are attempting to secure more water from the Central Valley Project (CVP) than they are currently contractually entitled to receive. Anti-farming activists often claim that California farmers and ranchers are trying to secure exorbitant supplies or that California's water supply is "over prescribed." In reality, farmers and urban communities are simply trying to make the system work so they can receive water to produce food, work, and live.

Let's consider the facts:

- Only 3 of the last 20 years has Westlands received a full allocation of water
- In 9 of the last 20 years, Westlands received less than a 50% allocation, and 8 of the lower allocation years came in the last 10 years

Westlands Water District Water Supply

<u>Water Year</u>	<u>CVP Allocation</u>	<u>Water Year</u>	<u>CVP Allocation</u>
1998	100%	2008	40%
1999	70%	2009	10%
2000	65%	2010	45%
2001	49%	2011	80%
2002	70%	2012	40%
2003	75%	2013	20%
2004	70%	2014	0%
2005	85%	2015	0%
2006	100%	2016	5%
2007	50%	2017	100%

The evidence is in the facts above. If allowed to operate as it was originally envisioned, the CVP can provide communities, farms, and the environment the resources necessary to flourish, even during dry years.

It's time for honesty in the very worthwhile debate about how YOUR water is being prioritized.