



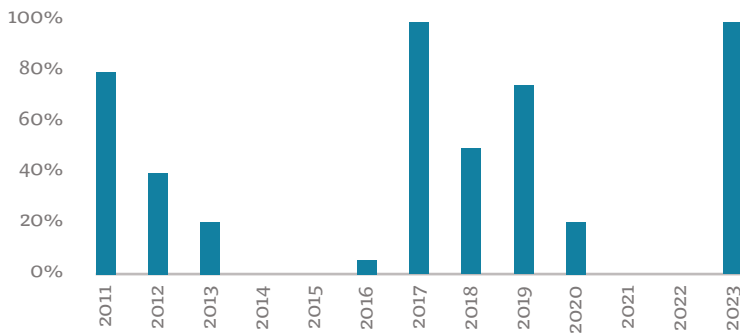
Westlands Water District

Westlands Water District is recognized as a world leader in agricultural water conservation and is committed to environmental restoration to protect at risk species. Westlands has served the farmers, Naval Air Station Lemoore, and rural communities on the west side of Fresno and Kings counties since 1952. As stewards of one of California's most precious natural resources, Westlands continually invests in conservation and encourages farmers to deploy innovative irrigation methods and to utilize the best available technology.

WATER EFFICIENCY

Westlands receives water from the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, which is operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Westlands generally receives an initial water allocation from Reclamation in February. To help manage the extreme swings in water allocations from year to year, farmers in Westlands implement robust water efficiency measures, utilizing innovative water conservation technology, and change their crops or fallow fields to mitigate the impacts of low water allocation years. Additionally, Westlands works with District landowners to establish groundwater recharge projects to help store and preserve water for future years and droughts.

Water Allocation % by Year



Westlands' water distribution system is comprised of approximately **1,100 miles of buried pipeline** and is outfitted with over **3,000 water meters**. Westlands continually invests in and updates this sophisticated system, which measures every drop of water and minimizes losses caused by seepage and evaporation. Westlands is among the few, if not the only, agricultural water agencies in the world that distributes water through an entirely enclosed system.

FARMING IN WESTLANDS

Farmers in Westlands rank among the most productive and water efficient in the world, producing over 50 different high-quality, nutritious crops for the fresh, dry, canned and frozen food, and fiber markets, domestically and abroad. More than \$2 billion in crops are grown in Westlands every year generating more than \$4.7 billion in farm-related economic activity each year, supporting over 35,000 jobs in the regional economy and feeding families in the San Joaquin Valley, across the state and around the world.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION: LOWER YOLO RESTORATION PROJECT

Completed October 2020

- Westlands restored **2,100 acres** of cattle grazing land to tidal marsh, riparian, and upland buffer habitat
- Designed to **enhance regional food web productivity** in support of Delta smelt recovery and provide rearing habitats for out migrating salmon
- **Completed in partnership with the Department of Water Resources** as part of California's EcoRestore initiative
- **13 years** to plan and permit

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