



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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CVP Water Supply Update

Due to an accident at Oroville, the State Water Project reduced releases, which in turn provided additional capacity to move CVP and other water at the State's Banks Pumping Plant. This helped increase Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir to 12,000 acre-feet. Over the past month, approximately 31,000 acre-feet of CVP water has moved through Banks PP.

Preliminary projections of the 2010-11 CVP allocations for south-of-Delta Ag contractors, based on a range of hydrology assumptions, are as follows: 1) under a dry scenario, 0-10 percent; 2) for normal hydrology, 10-30 percent; and 3) a wet scenario, 25-40 percent. Of note, under the wet hydrology, if the flows on the San Joaquin River are sufficient to meet some demands of the Exchange Contractors, the allocation listed above could rise above the 40 percent projection.

Rescheduled Water Guidelines

District staff is projecting up to 270,000 acre-feet of water will be unused at year-end. This amount will change if conditions cause a significant variance from historical water deliveries in the District through February. CVP water will be rescheduled and non-Project water will be carried over under Warren Act Contracts. Of note, the San Luis Reservoir is not projected to fill based upon current projections; CVP Operations staff project that the Reservoir will reach a Federal storage level of about 550,000 acre-feet by the end of February 2010, assuming a dry hydrology.

The Bureau of Reclamation has released its rescheduling guidelines and the most important points are as follows:

- A cap (limit) is imposed on the quantity that contractors may reschedule and deliver based on the total volume of CVP water in storage in the Federal share of the San Luis/O'Neill complex at or near the end of the contract year.
- As conditions change, Reclamation will reassess the quantity of Project water that may be rescheduled, and may also limit the delivery of rescheduled water during a portion of the 2010 contract year.

- If the Federal share of San Luis Reservoir fills, and after occurrence of a sustained 3-day drawdown in the Federal share, rescheduled water will be reduced by an amount equal to the quantity of water Reclamation was unable to pump due to the presence of the rescheduled water.
- Reclamation has not yet provided a rescheduling fee, but we estimate the rescheduling fee will be approximately \$6.40 per acre-foot for each acre-foot rescheduled.

In light of the above, water users are reminded of some key provisions in the District's Rescheduled Water Policy:

- If San Luis Reservoir does not fill, Rescheduled Water may be used for an unlimited period, unless restricted by Reclamation.
- Unless a water user notifies the District before the end of the water year, all water remaining in the user's account at the end of the water year will be rescheduled on their behalf by the District.
- If San Luis Reservoir fills, Rescheduled Water may be used from March 1 to the end of the rescheduling period (usually about April 15), unless restricted by Reclamation. In addition, and depending upon total deliveries of other water during the rescheduling period, water users may be able to retain some Rescheduled Water in their accounts for use after the rescheduling period.
- Loss of Rescheduled Water is not expected, but if loss occurs it will be applied in accordance with the District's Rescheduled Water Policy included in Notice No. 242 dated May 22, 2008.
- The General Manager shall review all transfers of water from sources outside of the District into water user accounts and shall deny any transfer that creates an unreasonable risk of loss of water that has been or is likely to be rescheduled.

Supplemental Water Supply Update

Water users have requested 155,522 acre-feet of Supplemental Water. The District has firm commitments to acquire 154,586 acre-feet and is working to secure additional supply from a variety of sources. Of the committed amount, approximately 105,257 acre-feet are from the north. The timing for the delivery of north-of-Delta water is subject to the Department of Water Resource's (DWR) pumping schedule. The following table describes allocations to date and gives the District's best estimate of the timing for allocation for the remainder of the year.

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April - Actual	7,633
May - Actual	7,950
June - Actual	11,863
July - Actual	26,925
August - Estimated	45,556
September - Estimated	50,138
October - Estimated	4,521
Total	154,586

Grants to Improve Water Supply

The Bureau of Reclamation announced a \$7.5 million grant to the District on July 30, 2009, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grant is intended to rehabilitate five existing wells, and to install and develop up to fifteen new wells on District owned property in order to provide additional water supply to growers in the District.

Additionally, the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Services under the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program announced a \$2 million grant to the District. These funds will supplement the District's existing Irrigation System Improvement Program. Interested water users can contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

Land-Based Charges September Installment

The September installment of the 2009-2010 Land-Based Charges is due September 25, 2009. A penalty of 10 percent 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.

Board of Directors Election Reminder

Four positions on the Board of Directors are up for election on August 25, 2009. Ballots were mailed to landowners at the end of July. To be counted, ballots must be in the District's Fresno office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, and reflect the appropriate landowner signature/authorization. Landowners should direct any questions to Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 or Nancy Hannah at (559) 241-6213.

Board of Directors Vacancy

John Diener resigned from the Board of Directors effective July 29. Applications for appointment to this Board vacancy are now being accepted. By law, the term for the individual appointed to this position will expire in December 2011. To serve on the Board, you must be a landowner, a legal representative of a landowner, or designated as a representative of a landowner. Applications must be filed with Westlands' Fresno office no later than August 28, 2009. The Personnel Committee of the Board will interview all applicants and will recommend an appointment to fill the vacancy at the Board's September 15, 2009 meeting. Contact Dave Ciapponi at (559) 241-6202 or Charlotte Dahl at (559) 241-6203 for application forms.

Labor Day Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2009, in observance of Labor Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday – September 5 or 6	Friday, September 4, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday – September 7 or 8	Friday, September 4, noon

The emergency phone number after-hours and on holidays is (559) 224-1523.

One-Year Advance Notice of 2010-2011 Triennial Inspection & Repair Shutdown Schedule

The attached schedule provides water users with one-year advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown plans for fiscal year 2010-2011.