



# Westlands Water District

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*This notice contains important information about the following:*

- **2009-2010 Water Supply and Rescheduling**
- **Supplemental Water Update**
- **2010-2011 Water Supply**
- **Holiday Office Closures & Water Ordering Procedures**
- **Happy Holidays**

## **2009-2010 Water Supply and Rescheduling**

Water users have remaining supplies of approximately 272,000 acre-feet, compared to 242,000 acre-feet last year at this time. Last year, the District rescheduled 238,000 acre-feet into 2009. If demands for water follow last year's trend, the District will probably reschedule about 265,000 acre-feet into 2010.

The Federal share of San Luis Reservoir Storage is at 467,000 acre-feet; full capacity for the Federal share is 966,000 acre-feet. Delta outflow remains low enough that only 2,000 cfs is being pumped at Jones Pumping Plant.

## **Supplemental Water Update**

The District's current, timely applications total 155,622 acre-feet. The District has allocated 148,346 acre-feet through the end of October. The remainder of the Supplemental Water acquired will be allocated as follows (amounts approximated):

<b>Allocation Month</b>	<b>Allocation (AF)</b>
December	7,276

## **2010-2011 Water Supply**

The District expects that the Bureau of Reclamation will initially allocate zero to 10 percent CVP water supply to south-of-Delta agricultural water contractors. The Department of Water Resources has allocated a 5 percent water supply to the State Water Project Contractors.

In terms of Supplemental Water in 2010, the picture is equally murky. Because the federal pumps at Jones Pumping Plant typically have very little capacity to pump other than CVP water supply, the District must rely upon the state pumps at Banks Pumping Plant to convey Supplemental Water to the District. In that regard, and at this time, it appears that such capacity at Banks will be dependent upon allocations to the State Water Project (SWP) Contractors and the US Fish and Wildlife Service's direction for operations under the Old and Middle River (OMR) reverse flow criteria to protect Delta Smelt. Under the

less restrictive OMR standard described in the Biological Opinion, Banks would have capacity to move Supplemental Water up to the point that the SWP allocation reached about 45% or higher. However, under the more restrictive OMR standard, there would be no capacity at Banks once the SWP allocation reached 10% or higher. As always, CVP contractors have a lower priority for moving water through the SWP facilities. More information on the potential Supplemental Water supply for 2010 will be provided in the coming month as these matters clear up.

**Holiday Office Closures & Water Ordering Procedures**

District offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday; Friday, January 1, 2010 for New Year's Day; and on Monday, January 18, 2010 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

<b>For Water Use On</b>	<b>Place Water Order By</b>
Thursday or Friday – December 24 or 25	Wednesday, December 23, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday or Monday – December 26, 27 or 28	Wednesday, December 23, noon
Friday or Saturday – January 1 or 2	Thursday, December 31, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday or Monday – January 3 or 4	Thursday, December 31, noon
Saturday or Sunday – January 16 or 17	Friday, January 15, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday – January 18 or 19	Friday, January 15, 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!