



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

- **2010-2011 Supplemental Water Purchase Agreement - Response may be required**
- **Public Hearing on Proposed 2010 Benefit Assessment Valuation Schedule**
- **Reclamation Law Certification/Reporting**
- **Land Must be Irrigable to Receive an Allocation of Agricultural Water**
- **Holiday Office Closure and Water Ordering Procedures**

2010-2011 Supplemental Water Purchase Agreement - Response may be required

The District may acquire Supplemental Water from limited sources for the 2010-2011 water year. It is expected that most of the Supplemental Water acquired will be Project water, but the District will try to accommodate requests for non-Project water. Water purchased will be combined and one blended rate established. The District estimates the delivered cost to water users will be approximately \$410-\$460 per acre-foot. Advance payment for acquisition costs of the water is required at the time of allocation, while conveyance related costs will be billed when the water is used. Water users will be notified of the amount of the allocation advance payment requirement later in the year when acquisition costs are more firm. The allocation advance will apply toward the delivered water rate. The water will be allocated to water user accounts as Project water or non-Project water (if available), allowing Full-Cost rates to be applied as required by Reclamation law. Water will become available as it is acquired and may not be available early in the water year.

If you need Supplemental Water, please complete the enclosed agreement and return it to the Fresno office by close of business on February 16, 2010. 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 application to the District's Fresno office at 3130 N. Fresno Street. Requests received after the deadline will receive a lower priority for allocations and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please direct questions to your Customer Accounting Technician at (559) 241-6250.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2010 Benefit Assessment Valuation Schedule

The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2010 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment Valuation Schedule on February 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at the District's Fresno office, 3130 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93703. Landowners and water users will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed valuation schedule.

The Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment is levied to collect a portion of the District's annual repayment obligation to the United States for costs incurred in building distribution and drainage collector facilities.

The Recommended Schedule of Per Acre Valuations for the 2010 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment is unchanged from the schedules that have been used since 1990. Copies of the schedule are available from Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212.

Reclamation Law Certification/Reporting

Reclamation Law certification/reporting forms have been mailed to water users and landowners and are due for filing with the District by February 1, 2010. Lands are ineligible for service in the new water year until the forms are submitted. This filing deadline allows timely processing of the forms and helps to ensure water service is not interrupted. Water users who lease land may want to check with their landowners to make sure the landowner received the form(s) and will return them by the deadline. Please direct questions to Nancy Hannah at (559) 241-6213 or Christine Braziel at (559) 241-6224.

Land Must be Irrigable to Receive an Allocation of Agricultural Water

As a reminder to landowners who may be considering alternative uses of their land, the District's Regulations state the annual entitlement to agricultural water is based on cropland which is defined in the Regulations as irrigable acreage as determined by U. S. Consolidated Farm Service Agency measurements. The annual Agricultural Water Allocation Application and Purchase Agreement provides affirmation that allocation calculations are based on U. S. Consolidated Farm Service Agency measurements of irrigable acres.

It is important to remember that if the land use changes such that it is no longer irrigable, the non-irrigable acres will not be entitled to future allocations of agricultural water. If you need more information you may contact your Customer Service Representative at (559) 241-6250.

Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2010, in observance of President's Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - February 13 or 14	Friday, February 12, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - February 15 or 16	Friday, February 12, noon

The emergency telephone number for after hours and holidays is (559) 224-1523.

**2010-2011 AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AND
PURCHASE SUPPLEMENTAL WATER**

Water User Name _____ Telephone No. _____

WWD Account No. _____ Amount Requested (AF) _____

- I request **only** supplemental non-Project water.
- I will take **either** supplemental non-Project or supplemental Project water.
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1. I request that the District purchase on my behalf the amount of water indicated above.
2. I understand that water will become available as it is acquired and is dependent on various factors, including excess capacity available in the CVP and State Water Project.
3. I agree to pay the actual delivered cost of such water.
4. I understand that by submitting this agreement, I am obligated to purchase the requested quantity of water if the District makes the water available. I understand, however, that I can revoke this agreement by written notice to the District, provided the District has not already agreed with other agencies to acquire water on my behalf.
5. I agree to make advance payment for water purchased on my behalf by the District at the time payment is requested.
6. The District may use any funds held for the benefit of or on behalf of the water user to pay or offset any monetary obligation the water user has to the District.
7. I understand that allocation, use, and payment of this water are subject to Westlands Water District Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for Agricultural Water Service.
8. Water User hereby further agrees that there are no intended third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and nothing contained herein, expressed or implied, is intended to give to any person, partnership, corporation, joint venture, limited liability company or other form of organization or association any right, remedy or claim under or pursuant hereto, and any agreement or covenant required herein to be performed by or on behalf of the Water User or District shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Water User or District.
9. I agree to all conditions stated above.

Date _____ Print Name _____

Signature _____

Please complete this agreement and return it to the Fresno Office no later than close of business, February 16, 2010. Mail it to: Westlands Water District, P.O. Box 6056, Fresno, CA 93703. Requests postmarked, but not received by the due date with the required deposit are not considered timely.