



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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2010-2011 Water Supply Update

On March 16, the official allocation for south-of-Delta CVP agricultural water service contractors was increased from 5 percent to 25 percent. Reclamation's announcement includes two forecasts, a conservative one (90% exceedance) reflecting a critically dry water year type and upon which the official allocation is based, and a median one (50% exceedance) for a dry year. If actual hydrology matches the median forecast, it is possible that the official allocation will increase to 30 percent sometime in the future. Current statewide snow pack levels are at 105 percent of the April 1 average and Shasta Reservoir storage is at 104 percent of normal. The Northern Sierra Precipitation Index (8 Station Index) reflects a total that is 101 percent of normal for this date.

2010-2011 Supplemental Water

Water users have adjusted their timely applications to approximately 128,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water, for about 252,000 acres. The District has made firm commitments to purchase 48,000 acre-feet and is continuing to pursue water supplies up to the amount of the requests. Therefore, the estimated allocation of Supplemental Water may range from 0.19 to 0.51 acre-feet per acre. The ultimate quantity of water acquired will depend on CVP and SWP water allocations and pumping capacity to move water through the Delta during July through September. The District has revised the projected delivered cost to water users to approximately \$340-\$360 per acre-foot. This rate may be further revised depending on changes to water acquisition costs and District and San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority O&M rates.

Rescheduled Water Update

The District had 255,752 acre-feet of supply remaining on March 1. Of this amount, the Bureau of Reclamation has announced that there will be no restrictions on the use of the 168,716 acre-feet of Rescheduled Water this year. The balance of 87,036 acre-feet was carried over under Warren Act contracts for delivery in 2010-2011, and must be used by June 30. Reclamation's rescheduling fee is

\$6.40 per acre-foot. In addition to this rescheduled rate, the delivered rate for all rescheduled water types, except 2009-2010 Supplemental water discussed below, delivered in 2010-2011 will consist of water acquisition and conveyance costs incurred by the District for the water plus District and San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority O&M rates for 2010-2011.

2009-2010 System Gain Water Allocation

The Board of Directors authorized the allocation of System Gain water at its meeting on March 16. Approximately 6,100 acre-feet of water will be allocated and will appear on the March 2010 allocation statements as Rescheduled Water. The water will be ratably allocated to water users in direct proportion to their water used during 2009-2010, excluding groundwater. The delivered rate for this water is equivalent to the Cost of Service rate and there is no advance payment requirement. The rescheduling fee of \$6.40 per acre-foot applies.

2009-2010 Supplemental Water

As previously reported in Notice Nos. 298 and 300, a portion of last year's Supplemental Water has not yet been moved into San Luis Reservoir. The District anticipates this water will be pumped into the reservoir later this year in the summer. When that occurs, the water will be allocated to those water users with timely outstanding 2009 applications. Water users remain financially responsible for this remaining Supplemental Water totaling 7,176 acre-feet

The estimated blended rescheduled/carryover rate for 2009-2010 Supplemental water rescheduled to 2010-2011 is \$24 per acre-foot. In addition to this rescheduled/carryover rate, the delivered rate for 2009-2010 Supplemental water delivered in 2010-2011 will consist of water acquisition and conveyance costs incurred by the District for the water plus District and San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority O&M rates for 2010-2011.

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

The National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced \$2 Million in funding for the 2010 Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP). Under AWEP, growers in the District may receive up to \$600 per acre towards the purchase of drip irrigation systems, subject to NRCS eligibility requirements. Please contact the local NRCS office at (559) 252-2191 to determine your eligibility for AWEP funding.

The District is cooperating with NRCS and has agreed to fund the balance of the cost of drip systems installed under the AWEP program. Funding will be in the form of low interest leases and subject to the District's guidelines for the Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP). A complete description of the District's program guidelines can be obtained at the District website at <http://www.westlandswater.org/www/waterconservation/ISIP.asp> or by contact Israel Sanchez at (559) 241-6237.

Land-Based Charges

The first installments for payment of 2010-2011 Land-Based Charges are due March 25, 2010. A 10 percent penalty 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.

Lands Available for Lease

All District-owned lands have been leased with the exception of a few miscellaneous parcels. For a list of available land, please contact Cork McIsaac of Agricultural Industries, Inc. at (916) 372-5595 or (800) 822-1415.

Bollibokka Reservations

Reservations are still being accepted for the Bollibokka Fishing Club. The Club property was acquired by the District in 2006 to facilitate the raising of Shasta Dam. Until that time, the District is committed to operating the existing fishing club.

The Club property is very private, located along seven miles of the McCloud River immediately upstream of Shasta Lake. The McCloud River is esteemed for its beauty and has been known to have some of the best trout fishing in the world. In order to protect this unique fishery, all fishing is catch and release, fly only, barbless hooks.

The season begins on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, and ends on Monday, November 15, 2010. If you are interested in reserving a week for a fishing trip to Bollibokka, please review the following information and contact the Club manager listed below. Remember that for reservation purposes the week begins on Wednesday morning and ends at sunset on the following Monday. The Club is closed on Tuesday for cleaning unless reserved for consecutive weeks.

Although the early opportunity for landowners and water users to reserve a week at the Club closed on January 31, 2010, numerous weeks are still open. There are two accommodations available for rent on the property:

- The Way Station is located on the upper two miles of the property. The Way Station can accommodate up to six guests, and that is also the maximum number of rods permitted on this portion of the river. The cost is \$4,200 per week.
- The Club House and Rock House are located on the lower five miles of the property. The two buildings can accommodate ten and four guests, respectively, but the maximum number of rods on this portion of the river is twelve. The cost is \$7,000 per week.

This year the District is utilizing the experienced fly fishing services of The Fly Shop in Redding, California to handle Club management activities and coordinate all uses of the property. Additionally, the Fly Shop has associations with many fly fishing guides familiar with the McCloud. For more information, please contact Michael Caranci of The Fly Shop at (800) 669-3474 (office), (530) 222-3572 (fax), michael@theflyshop (email), or by mail at 4140 Churn Creek Road, Redding CA 96002. For additional information, visit the Club's website: <http://www.theflyshop.com/adventures/bollibokka.htm>

The Fly Shop will try to accommodate all reservation requests on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once your reservation is accepted, The Fly Shop will provide a Confirmation Package, which contains directions to the facilities, updated policies, information on cooking and cleaning services and additional contact information. Payment for your stay should be made directly to The Fly Shop.

Six-Month Advance Notice of Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

Historically, the District has inspected pumping plants and performed required repairs every three years. Beginning this fall, a five-year schedule will be implemented. This change will reduce the required man-hours per year for routine inspections and maintenance. It is expected that this change will not affect the integrity of the District's distribution system facilities.

The following table revises the schedule provided in Notice No. 285, dated August 19, 2009, and provides water users with six-month advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown schedule for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Week	Division Valves to Be Inspected	Pumping Plant
September 20, 2010	32-2.0	25L & 32L
September 27		PV4 & PV6
October 4		23R
October 11	31-1.5, 33-2.0	31L & 33L
October 18		22L & 24L
October 25 - Nov. 6	PL Repairs/Install Manholes (3-1.7,3-4.7), Div. Valve 3-2.7	3L
November 8		6-1 & 6-2
November 15		11R
November 29 - Dec. 11	Repair Bypass Valve 7RC, Ground Valves 7R-5.5 & 7R-7.0	7RA, 7RB, 7RC, & 7RD
December 13		17RA, 17RB, & 17RC
January 3 - 15, 2011	Repair Subline Valves (4-5.5,4-6.5&4-7.5), Div. Valve 4-0.5	4L