



Westlands Water District

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May 18 Board Report

Departments of Interior and Commerce Joint Initiative

General Manager Tom Birmingham reported that the Secretaries of the Department of Interior and the Department of Commerce have submitted a joint letter to the Council on Environmental Quality describing a joint initiative to integrate the Biological Opinions for the Delta Smelt and Salmonids and to address the issues raised by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) concerning the two opinions. The letter indicates that the initiative will be focusing on the science to address the NAS concerns in the short term, with the goal of implementing operational changes for the 2011 water year.

Water Rates and Charges

The Board of Directors revised the 2010-2011 Water Rates and Charges, retroactive to March 1, 2010. The changes to the rates and charges were prompted by the increase in the CVP water supply allocation for south-of-Delta agricultural contractors to 40 percent. The new rates will be implemented on the May water billing statements that are mailed early in June and due June 25. The revised rates are available on the District's website at <http://www.westlandswater.org>, under the Water & Power/Water Rates tabs, or by calling Customer Accounting at (559) 241-6250.

2010-2011 CVP Water Supply Update

The CVP allocation to south-of-Delta agricultural water contractors was increased to 40 percent on May 4, 2010. With this recent allocation of CVP Contract water combined with the District's rescheduled 2009 supplies, current-year Supplemental Water acquisitions and water user transfers, the District is projecting approximately 885,000 AF in surface water will be available to water users in 2010.

2011-2012 Water Supply Projections

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority has recently provided projections for storage levels in San Luis Reservoir for next year which indicate there is a very good chance that the reservoir will fill. The attached graph shows that SLR will fill by mid-February under average hydrologic conditions and will fall about 60,000 acre-feet short of filling under dry conditions. Both of these projections are based upon demands this summer that would be similar to a 65 percent allocation year. However, based upon the cool, wet spring, the amount of fallowed acreage, and the level of groundwater pumping to date, District staff believes demands will be lower than this assumption. Therefore, the likelihood of filling SLR is greater than the Authority projections depict, under both projections.

The Authority's May update on Project operations also notes that with the current biological opinion for salmon requiring export reductions on April 1, districts will likely have no more than 30 days to use rescheduled water next year. Further, under all scenarios, a reasonable planning number for rescheduling purposes falls in the range of 100,000 to 150,000 acre-feet, combined for all south-of-Delta CVP contractors. Of note here, and based upon water use in the District to date, staff recently projected that 350,000 acre-feet of District water supply would be unused at the end of the current year. Further, water users are reminded that the District's Rescheduled Water Policy provides that for losses, water users shall pay all water costs, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority O&M rate and any applicable District rates.

Given the potential for SLR filling next year, District staff is projecting at this time the following range of allocations, depending on the hydrology, for the 2011-2012 water year:

Assumed Hydrology	Allocation Range
Dry	0-15%
Average	15-30%
Wet	30-50%

The District will continue monitoring the operations of the CVP and the District's water use, and provide updates monthly so that water users can plan for the 2011 water year.

Supplemental Water Update

The District is working to acquire 2010-2011 Supplemental Water to meet 67,496 acre-feet of timely requests for 138,953 acres. There are also 4,100 acre-feet of late requests.

Currently, 53,000 acre-feet of south-of-Delta water has been acquired, with up to 20,000 acre-feet of additional supplies under negotiation. Of this amount, 8,467 acre-feet (0.0609 acre-feet per acre) was allocated in April and 8,300 acre-feet (0.0597 acre-feet per acre) are projected for allocation in May. Future notices will keep water users informed of progress in acquiring and allocating the additional water.

The District has allocated 148,346 acre-feet of 2009-2010 Supplemental Water to water users, based upon timely applications totaling 155,522 acre-feet. As explained in recent notices, Reclamation has informed the District that the Supplemental Water remaining to be allocated to water users with timely requests of 7,176 acre-feet has not yet been moved into San Luis Reservoir. Reclamation has assured the District that the movement of this water is a high priority, and that Reclamation staff is working to see that the water moves as soon as possible. Water users remain financially responsible for this remaining Supplemental Water.

Assessment Equalization Hearing

At an equalization hearing on May 18, the Board of Directors established the District's 2010 Repayment Contract Benefit Assessment, which constitutes liens on each parcel of land assessed, due and payable as of May 18, 2010. Statements will be mailed in June and the assessments are delinquent after November 18, 2010. Please contact Deborah Tuggle at (559) 241-6212 for additional information.

Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest has provided the attached letter informing interested bidders about Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases at Naval Air Station Lemoore for the 2010 calendar year. Please use the contact information in the letter if you have any questions about this agricultural lease program.

Holiday Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2010, in observance of Memorial Day. The affected water ordering deadlines are as follows:

For Water Use On	Place Water Order By
Saturday or Sunday - May 29 or 30	Friday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - May 31 or June 1	Friday, May 28, noon

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



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All Interested Bidders for Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the most current information regarding lease advertisements for the 2010 calendar year to everyone interested in Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases at Naval Air Station Lemoore (NASL), California.

NASL will advertise for approximately 46 Agricultural Leases through the Sealed Bid process this year in three phases, beginning approximately July 2, 2010. These leases will be advertised electronically using Navy Electronic Commerce Online (NECO). NECO is the website used to upload the advertisement and is very user-friendly. Once the advertisement is uploaded, the synopsis stays on NECO and is uploaded to Federal Business Opportunities (FBO). The best part is users do NOT have to register with NECO or FBO!!!

Interested bidders will be able to view each bid package individually by parcel number and bidders may view and, if interested, print the bid packages and instructions for each parcel. Interested bidders will then fill out the bid form and return under the Sealed Bid process.

If you are interested in an advanced view of NECO and how the bid packages will look when advertised, a sample bid package has been uploaded to NECO for your review. To review this process, please go to <https://www.neco.navy.mil/> and do the following:

1. Search Synopsis
2. Under NAICS Code scroll down to: "111 - Crop Production"
3. Click on "Search" at bottom of page.
4. Scroll down on page, click on "NAS Fallon, Sealed Bid. . ."
5. This page describes the solicitation.
6. Click on "View Solicitation."
7. Click on "Click Here for Additional Documents"

If you have any questions about this new electronic advertising process, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Jennifer Arbesu, Realty Specialist, at (619) 5325-3518 or Ms. Cece Dahlstrom, Natural Resources Specialist, at (619) 532-2269.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commanding Officer

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2010-11 CVP San Luis Refill Projections

