



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

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CVP Water Supply Update

The CVP allocation to south-of-Delta agricultural water service contractors remains at 45 percent. The Jones Pumping Plant is expected to operate at or near maximum capacity through the end of the calendar year. District staff projects, based upon usage-to-date and historical demands, that up to 300,000 acre-feet of the District's water supply will be unused at year-end (although this amount will be lower after the exchange discussed in the following item is finalized).

Storage in Shasta Reservoir is approximately 3 million acre-feet, which is about 120 percent of normal for this time. Federal storage in San Luis Reservoir is approximately 300,000 acre-feet (90 percent of normal). Based upon these conditions and assumptions concerning hydrology, the ranges of potential allocations for the 2011-2012 water year are as follows:

Hydrology	Allocation
Dry	20-35%
Average	35-55%
Wet	55-75%

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

Metropolitan Water District Exchange Program – Action May Be Required

The District has entered into an agreement with Metropolitan Water District to exchange 100,000 acre-feet of water, and up to an additional 20,000 acre-feet, if agreed by both parties. For every 3 acre-feet of water made available to MWD this year, 2 acre-feet will be returned to the District in the 2011-2012 water year. To date, District water users have offered almost 71,700 acre-feet into the program.

The District's goal is to maximize the amount of water available to MWD for exchange. To this end, the District is looking for willing sellers of water. The District will pay \$20 per acre-foot for 2010-2011 CVP Interim Contract water.

In addition the District will continue to accept requests from individuals to participate in the exchange until all available exchange capacity under the agreement has been exhausted, or MWD begins moving water to its southern reservoir in Diamond Valley, on or about October 1, 2010, whichever is sooner. Please contact Customer Accounting at (559) 241-6250 to obtain a purchase agreement, exchange agreement or if you have any questions.

Rescheduled Water Guidelines

District staff is projecting up to 300,000 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 projected to fill based upon current projections described above.

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

- A cap (limit) may be 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 2011 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 \$6.35 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 (April 1, based on the timing of Old and Middle River reverse flow limitations), 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.

- The quantity of water that may be rescheduled is unlimited, absent a limitation imposed by the Bureau of Reclamation or the District. However, the policy provides that the Acreage Based Cap will be 0.5 acre-feet per irrigable acre in a water user's account, excluding District-owned lands, and any remaining rescheduled water in excess of that amount will be the first water lost if a loss scenario occurs under the Bureau of Reclamation's rescheduling guidelines.
- If loss occurs, it will be applied in accordance with the District's Rescheduled Water Policy included in Notice No. 304 dated April 26, 2010.

Supplemental Water Supply Update

The District is working to acquire 2010-2011 Supplemental Water to meet 64,203 acre-feet of revised timely and late requests. The timing and amounts of expected allocations for Supplemental Water acquired are shown in the table below:

Allocation Month	AF Amount
April – Actual	8,467
May – Actual	8,912
June – Actual	6,051
July – Actual	3,144
August – Estimated	31,000
September – Estimated	3,300
October – Estimated	3,200
November – Estimated	130

Regarding 2009-2010 Supplemental Water, and as explained in recent notices, Reclamation informed the District that the Supplemental Water remaining to be allocated to water users with timely requests of 7,176 acre-feet had not yet been moved into San Luis Reservoir from New Melones Reservoir where it currently is stored. In the latest development, and considering the current water supply available to water users, the District has determined that this Supplemental Water will continue to be stored in New Melones and not delivered into the District until the 2011-2012 water year. Water users will remain financially responsible for this remaining Supplemental Water.

Land-Based Charges September Installment

The September installment of the 2010-2011 Land-Based Charges is due September 25, 2010. 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.

Department of the Navy Agricultural Leases

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

One-Year Advance Notice of 2011-2012 Inspection & Repair Shutdown Schedule

The enclosed 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 2011-2012.

Labor Day Office Closure & Water Ordering Procedures

District offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010, 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 4, or 5	Friday, September 3, 9:30 a.m.
Monday or Tuesday - September 6, or 7	Friday, September 3, noon

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO LEASE GOVERNMENT LANDS
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

Date: **August 2, 2010**

1. The Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest, proposes to lease Government owned land for agricultural purposes located at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California, under the process and terms outlined in the Invitation for Bid.

2. Sealed bids must be received Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, ATTN: Real Estate, Code AM1.JA, 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 127, **San Diego, California**, 92132-5190, by **2:00 P.M.**, Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), on **August 31, 2010**. Bids will be opened promptly at **2:00 P.M.** (PDT). No bids will be accepted after that time. **FAX COPIES OF BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED RESPONSIVE.**

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Current Crop</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
4A30	239.8	½ Seed Onion/ ½ Fallowed	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2015
4A31/4A34	320.7	Garbanzo Beans	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2015
4A36	158.3	Wheat	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2017
4A37	161.9	Fallowed	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2017
4A40	165.8	Cotton	Dec. 1, 2010 – Nov 30, 2017
4A41	159.9	Cotton	Dec. 1, 2010 – Nov 30, 2017
4A43	171.0	Cotton	Dec. 1, 2010 – Nov 30, 2017
4A44	169.5	Cotton	Dec. 1, 2010 – Nov 30, 2017
4A45	172.3	Alfalfa	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2017
4A50	284.0	Fallowed/Cotton	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2019
4A51/4A52	496.0	Alfalfa/Wheat	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2015
4A57/4A62 F2	236.2	Cotton	Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2019

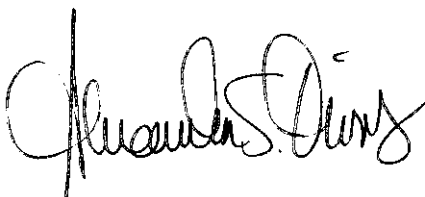
4. All bid packages and instructions will be posted electronically on Navy Electronic Commerce Online (NECO). Interested bidders can view each bid package individually by parcel number and, if interested, print the bid package and instructions for each parcel. Interested bidders will then complete the bid form and return under the Sealed Bid process. A meeting for interested bidders is scheduled for **August 11, 2010 at 9:30 am** in the Small Arms Classroom at NAS Lemoore. For additional information, contact the Natural Resources Specialist at the Station, Mr. John Crane at (559) 998-4096.

5. Interested bidders should go to <https://www.neco.navy.mil/> and proceed with the following steps:

- a. Search Synopsis
- b. Under NAICS Code scroll down to: "111 - Crop Production"
- c. Click on "Search" at bottom of page.
- d. Parcels will be listed as "NAS Lemoore Parcel 4A__". Find the parcel number you wish to bid on, click on "NAS Lemoore, Parcel 4A__"
- e. This page describes the solicitation.
- f. Click on "View Solicitation."
- g. Click on "Click Here for Additional Documents"
- h. Click on "Instructions to Bidders"
- i. Print out instructions and review all Instructions to Bidders.
- j. Return to "Additional Documents."
- k. Click on "Bid Form Parcel 4A__." Print out Bid Form (Bid).
- l. Complete and submit Bid Form according to all instructions.

6. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lacey Hebert Realty Specialist, at (619) 532-1134, or Ms. Yolanda Robledo, Realty Specialist, at (619) 532-3852, or Ms. Jennifer Arbesu, Realty Specialist, at (619) 532-3518.

7. The Department of the Navy reserves the right not to award a lease.



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One-Year Advance Notice of Inspection and Repair Shutdown Schedule

The following table provides water users with one year advance notice of the District's pumping plant and system inspection and repair shutdown schedule for fiscal year 2011-2012.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Division Valves to Be Inspected</u>	<u>Pumping Plant</u>
October 3, 2011		6L
October 10	PV3-0.2	PV3
October 17		7L & 7-0.5
October 24		12R
October 31		27R
November 14		PV8
November 28		13L
December 5		13RA & 13RB
December 12		2RA & 2RB
January 2, 2012		15R
January 9		36L
January 23		22R
January 30		24R
February 6	PV2-0.5	PV2
February 13		21R