



Westlands Water District

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This notice contains important information about the following:

- **2010-2011 Rescheduled Water**

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Based on existing hydrologic conditions and assuming no actions under existing biological opinions that would substantially reduce rates of pumping at the Jones Pumping Plant, it is very likely that San Luis Reservoir will fill by mid-February. As of midnight January 6 2011, storage in the federal share of the Reservoir was at 772,559 acre-feet (federal full capacity is 966,000 acre-feet). To date in January, federal storage in the Reservoir has increased an average 7,000 acre-feet per day. Accordingly, within about a month, the federal side of the Reservoir should fill, barring pumping restrictions in the Delta due to fishery actions. The State side of the Reservoir is also scheduled to fill in early to mid-February.

Last week, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority staff reported that Authority members' initial requests to the Bureau of Reclamation for rescheduled water totaled 242,271 acre-feet. Recently, District staff forecast that 160,000 acre-feet of District water would need to be rescheduled (about two-thirds of the Authority's total request).

What does this mean to water users planning to reschedule water into Water Year 2011-2012? Once San Luis Reservoir begins sustained drawdown (a reduction in storage for three consecutive days), total rescheduled water in the Reservoir will be reduced by an amount equal to the quantity of water Reclamation was unable to pump due to the presence of rescheduled water in the Reservoir. For perspective, pumping at the Jones Pumping Plant has averaged about 8,000 acre-feet per day this month.

To reduce the risk of loss of rescheduled water, water users should consider rescheduling only the quantity of water that they project can be used before the end of March 2011 (the anticipated date of sustained drawdown in San Luis Reservoir is April 1.)

If you have any questions concerning rescheduling guidelines or Central Valley Project operations, please contact Tom Glover at (559) 241-6215 or Russ Freeman at (559) 241-6241.

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