

Westlands Water Use At-A-Glance - June 1997

	1997-98-1 Acre-Feet	1996-97-1 Acre-Feet
CVP Contract Supply (ag.)	1,030,000	1,087,000
Transfers	53,035	90,495
Rescheduled from prior water year	116,264	80,528
Supplemental Water	229,529	134,338
Pumped Groundwater Credit	8,504	0
Total Ag Water Supply	1,437,332	1,392,361
Total Ag Water Use Through June	624,029	509,711
Unused Ag Supply	803,743	873,544
Average Deliveries Through June 1979-1989	450,286	

¹ Westlands' water year runs from March through February.

Water supply questions can be addressed to Steve Ottemoeller, (209) 241-6215, or Marc Carpenter, (209) 241-6218.

Down the Pipe

August 18

Board of Directors meeting:
10 a.m.; Fresno office, 3130
N. Fresno St.

August 19

Westside Resource
Conservation District Board of
Directors meeting: 10 a.m.;
Five Points Office, 23050 W.
Mt. Whitney Ave.

September 1

Labor Day Holiday. Offices
closed.

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the Reservoir at the start of the peak irrigation season.

Although the level is better than estimated, General Manager David L. Orth reported at the July Board of Directors meeting that "we're not out of the woods yet" on adequate reservoir levels. State water project customers' water use was higher than previous

estimates and our water deliveries for the balance of July and early August are traditionally high water use periods, said Orth. District staff is closely monitoring the situation and will keep water users apprised of any changes or problems in meeting demand, if they should arise.

Orth also reported that farmers in the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority service area may be able to reschedule about 150,000 to 200,000 AF from the current water supply into

the next water year, based on current computer modeling done by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. District farmers can use 0.20 AF/acre as a planning guideline for rescheduling with little risk of loss.

The Authority's computer modeling is projecting a 75-to-80 percent CVP water supply next year, based on projected carryover levels in northern California reservoirs, and assuming normal water year precipitation patterns.

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