

2018 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK



I take great pleasure in announcing that we expect to have a normal irrigation season in 2018. New Hogan Reservoir is projected to be near 200,000 acre-feet of water at the end of this irrigation season.

That's ~125,000 acre-feet more water than last year. The District provided a normal irrigation season this year and we are confident we will have a normal irrigation season next year.

The New Melones Reservoir is currently at 2,038,744 acre-feet compared to 540,842 acre-feet at this time last year.

This is great news and we expect to have a normal water supply next year.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

On this subject last year, I stated that the State legislature passed this Act and, as a result, the District intended to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to keep our portion of the Basin within the District, controlled by your Elected Board. We completed that task and the District is now part of an organization called the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers (Authority). The Authority includes all GSA participants within the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin and our collective mission is to write the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as required by SGMA. The GSP is the key to the success of groundwater management in that it will determine how the Groundwater Basin will be managed and report our success to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). This Plan will estimate how much water is pumped from the Basin and will also estimate how much water enters the Basin to recharge it each year. Our task will be to find a way to balance those two numbers and prove to DWR that our Basin is sustainable. Ultimately, DWR has approving authority on this document.

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers meets monthly on the second Wednesday and the meeting is held at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center at 9:30 a.m. I encourage you to attend some of these meetings and be aware of what is happening to your groundwater!

2017 Preliminary Dam Removal Schedule

OCTOBER 13th - New Hogan releases will be reduced down to 20 cfs.

OCTOBER 17th - Irrigation season ends. Irrigation water left behind in all diversion dams is available to pump as needed. Bellota Weir will be removed and the 2-foot winter weir and fish ladder will be installed. Diversion dam drainage will start upstream on Mormon Slough and Potter Creek, then the Old Calaveras River and Mosher Slough.

OCTOBER 27th - Dam removal will be completed on Mormon Slough. Removal on Calaveras River, Mosher Slough, and Potter Creek will continue.

Releases from New Hogan Reservoir to the Calaveras River will be reduced to about 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) starting October 13th. Diversion dams will be drained ending the 2017 Irrigation Season with a detailed schedule to the left.

Calaveras River flow will remain at 20 cfs, and adjusted as necessary for the needs of the Water Treatment Plant. Removal of diversion dams from Old Calaveras River Channel, Mosher and Potter Creeks will occur as time permits, but before it rains.

The District appreciates your cooperation and assistance during this year's water supply operations.

Updates to this schedule will be posted online at, sewd.net



Bellota Weir

DREAM Project

The Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) is an Alliance of Water Districts located over the critically over-drafted Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin and consists of Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD); North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) and Stockton East Water District (SEWD). Per Water Code-Division 2. Article 1.7 – Areas of Origin [1220]. (a) no water shall be pumped for export from within the Sacramento and Delta-Central Sierra Basins, as defined in the Department of Water Resources' Bulletin No. 160-74 and (d). The section does not apply to groundwater pumping by the EWA Joint Powers Agency for export from the Eastern San Joaquin Basin, provided that the groundwater pumping is approved by San Joaquin County (SJC) as described by DWR Bulletin No. 118-80.

In March 2016, the EWA approved support of the Lead Agency's (SJC), Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM) Project. The Project components include the conveyance of ~1,000 AF of East Bay Municipal Utilities District's (EBMUD) surface water from the Camanche; down the Mokelumne River to NSJWCD for recharge. NSJWCD will recognize the banking of credits to EBMUD for half of the water delivered and NSJWCD's return of the EBMUD credit water back to EBMUD. SJC completed all requirements of in accordance California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and, the SJC Board of Supervisors approved the export permit on April 11, 2017. On September 11, 2017 the EWA approved & entered into agreement with NSJWCD, delegating authority to NSJWCD to carry out the DREAM Project as described in the export permit application. The Project's term will end five (5) years after recharge water is first provided by EBMUD to NSJWCD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is held every Tuesday at Noon located at 6767 East Main Street Stockton, 95215

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Students Have Fun Learning About Water!

The Stockton East Water District (SEWD) is a member of the Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS), an alliance of Stockton area water agencies that includes the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, California Water Service Company and SEWD. SAWS sponsors a variety of educational community outreach efforts, including seven standards-based, in-class water education programs, special events and after school presentations and facility tours. Any school with a Stockton address is eligible for this fun, free, and educational program.



At left, Water Educator Suzi Kelly sings The Water Cycle Song with a class of first graders during the presentation of the "Water Cycle Story" at a local elementary school. During the presentation, students learn about the water cycle and play a fun match game that helps students understand water's three states of matter: liquid; solid and vapor.

To learn more about the SAWS Water Education Program, visit SEWD's web page at www.sewd.net and click on the "Water Conservation Education Program" link at the bottom of the homepage. You may also reach SAWS Program Education & Public Outreach Coordinator Kristin Coon by calling (209) 304-1734. Hop online or give us a call to schedule a presentation today!

Progress Bills.

In accordance with the District Act, the 2017 Progress Bill is due on or before October 31st, 2017. Penalties will apply if paid after this date. Please note, the only acceptable forms of payment are check or cash. Please contact Finance Department Staff, Rhonda Luke-Olvera, Accounts Receivable if you need further assistance by calling (209) 444-3112.



HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVE GRANT "The Struggle is Real"

Stockton East Water District was awarded a \$1,600 Wellness Grant by ACWA/JPIA on July 12, 2017, for our application submission, *The Struggle is Real*. In partnership with Anthem Blue Cross, ACWA/JPIA extended the opportunity to obtain a Wellness Grant to all of its members; Stockton East Water District was 1 of roughly 50 Districts awarded. Our 2017 plans for the Health & Wellness Program have begun to take shape & our employees are excited! The District's goal is to continue educating, promoting & enhancing the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle for our employees while at home and at work. The Program funding will assist the District in providing education & incentive to our employees to create a work culture that is supportive of District employee's lifestyle goals. No matter what the issue, we know that The Struggle is Real!

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"Our Mission is to ensure proper management of our groundwater basin and provide supplemental surface water supplies"

2017 WATER RATES

The District establishes the water rate for the then current calendar year in accordance with Sections 9 to 9.4 of the District Act. This year, the Board approved adoption of District Ordinance No. 43, Establishing the Water Rates for Calendar Year 2017. For quick reference, the Water Rates are listed below and are also available online at www.sewd.net.

- AG Groundwater Assessment is \$5.12/ per acre-foot of water;
- AG Surface Water Rate is \$23.00/per acre-foot of water;
- Domestic Groundwater Assessment is \$43.50/per Domestic Use Unit (occupied or not);
- Out-of-District Water Rate is \$58.34/per acre-foot of water (from New Hogan or from New Melones pursuant to SEWD CVP Contract);
- Total Municipal Groundwater Assessment (M&I) Rate is \$337.43/per acre-foot of water (\$3.60 base Groundwater Production Assessment plus the \$333.83 Rate Equalization);
- Out-of-District Water Rate from other sources is calculated as the cost of water designated under the purchase contract PLUS the New Melones Conveyance System Wheeling Rate of \$35.34/per acre-foot of water.

District Ordinance No. 43
Adopted by the Board, 04/04/17

Water Quality

To view the latest Water Quality report, or if you have any questions, please refer to the District's website at www.sewd.net. Click on the Resources tab, then the Water Quality



Questions About Your Bill?

Questions? SEWD's website is here to help! Visit www.sewd.net, click the "Resources" tab to view the "Explanation of Invoices & Owner's Water Use Statement" page.

As always, we are here to help. Please contact Finance Department Staff, Rhonda Luke-Olvera, Accounts Receivable for assistance with your bill, (209) 444-3112.