

Rescheduling Guidelines for the Federal Share of Storage in San Luis Reservoir Central Valley Project, Mid-Pacific Region

General

The following guidelines will apply to the rescheduling of Central Valley Project (Project) water in the San Luis Reservoir (SLR) from the current Contract Year (period from March 1 through the last day of February of the following year) into the upcoming Contract Year.

It is the intent of the Bureau of Reclamation that these guidelines may change from year to year to ensure that rescheduling will not interfere with Project operations. Annual changes to these guidelines may also include, but not be limited to, dates, water rates, and other policy considerations. Reclamation reserves the right to terminate, rescind, or amend these guidelines if necessary.

Consistent with these guidelines, rescheduled water shall be the first water scheduled and delivered to the contractor.

A. Storage Priority in San Luis Reservoir

For purposes of these guidelines, the upcoming Contract Year Project water allocation supply, including upcoming Contract Year water allocated/acquired by the United States pursuant to Section 3406(d)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) of October 30, 1992, for refuge and wildlife habitat restoration (hereinafter referred to as Level II Refuge Water) shall have first priority of storage in the Federal share of SLR over rescheduled Project irrigation and municipal and industrial (M&I) water as solely determined by Reclamation. The complete schedule of priorities is as follows:

1. Upcoming Contract Year Project Water including Level II Refuge Water.
2. Upcoming Contract Year Level IV Refuge Water.
3. Rescheduled Project Water:
 - a. Irrigation Water
 - b. M&I Water and Level II Refuge Water
 - c. Transferred Project Water
4. Cross Valley Canal contractor water.
5. Current Contract Year Level IV Refuge Water.
6. Non-Project water supplies acquired by existing South-of-Delta Project contractors¹.
7. San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement interim flow water in SLR.
8. All other non-Project water.

¹For purposes of these guidelines, an existing Project contractor is defined as those entities located in and south of the CVP Delta export facilities which held interim or long-term water service contracts for Project water at the time of enactment of P.L. 111-11.

B. Approval and Scheduling

1. Request. On or about December 20, the contractors that expect to have a supply of rescheduled water and acquired non-Project water shall provide to Reclamation a preliminary monthly estimate of the quantity of such water requested to be accommodated as of the last day of February. Not later than February 21, the contractor shall submit a final written request to the South-Central California Area Office (SCCAO) and to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) identifying the estimated total quantity of rescheduled water and acquired non-Project water the contractor desires to reschedule/store, accompanied by an acknowledgement that the contractor agrees to abide by these Rescheduling Guidelines². A final quantity of rescheduled Project water and acquired non-Project water request shall be submitted no later than March 10. Should adjustments need to be made on the basis of the then-current hydrologic conditions, Project operations, and rescheduling/storage requests received, Reclamation may require revised requests from the contractors prior to the rescheduling any current Contract Year Project water.

Reclamation reserves the right to reject any request for rescheduling or request for storage of acquired non-Project water due to factors beyond Reclamation's control or due to circumstances not contemplated or foreseen when these guidelines were prepared.

The contractor must agree to abide by these guidelines as they may be amended in order to participate in rescheduling/storage of water supplies from one Contract Year to the immediately following Contract Year.

2. Quantity of Water That Can Be Rescheduled. If the Federal share of SLR does not fill before the end of the current Contract Year, a contractor may reschedule any unused Project water. If the Federal share of SLR fills before the end of the current Contract Year, Reclamation will maintain a record of the difference between the volume of Project water that it would have been permitted and able to pump from the Delta had the reservoir not been full and the volume of water actually pumped (“foregone pumping”). The total volume of Project water that may be rescheduled by a contractor into the upcoming Contract Year shall not exceed the remaining Project water, less that contractor’s proportionate share based on contract quantity of foregone pumping. The application of foregone pumping would apply to Project supplies after all lower-priority water pursuant to Section B has been sequentially exhausted. The total volume of rescheduled Project water may not exceed the actual quantity of Project water in storage in the Federal share of the San Luis/O’Neill facilities at or near the end of the current Contract Year.

3. Limitation on M&I Water. Consistent with Section A of these guidelines, rescheduled irrigation water shall have a priority over rescheduled M&I water. M&I water will only be accepted for rescheduling if there remains sufficient capacity in SLR to accommodate it after all upcoming Contract Year water is accounted for, and all current Contract Year rescheduled Project irrigation water requests have been accommodated.

²Water delivery schedules submitted pursuant to a water service contract identifying requested amounts to be rescheduled are acceptable.

4. Schedule. The SCCAO will review and consult with others as necessary in order to provide the contractor with written approval or denial of the contractor's written request for all rescheduled Project water and acquired non-Project water. Upon receiving notification that the contractor's rescheduling/storage request(s) have been approved, the contractor will also submit to SCCAO a delivery schedule for such water, which will be approved by Reclamation. Any revisions to an approved schedule must be submitted along with the required monthly water delivery schedule in a timely manner, but no later than 24 hours prior to the proposed change.

5. First Water Evacuated. All rescheduled Project water and acquired non-Project water is subject to available conveyance and storage capacity. If there is insufficient storage space in SLR to store these supplies, such water must be evacuated as soon as possible upon notice from Reclamation. Consistent with Section A above, if additional categories of water are stored in SLR, these other supplies will be evacuated consistent with the storage priority in Section A.

6. Transfers/Exchanges and/or Banking of Rescheduled Water. Rescheduled Project water will be eligible for transfers, exchanges and/or banking during the upcoming Contract Year, subject to approval by Reclamation.

7. Loss Criteria after March 1, 2017. Rescheduled Project water shall not interfere with the upcoming Contract Year Project operations. Reclamation has the discretion to limit the amount of rescheduled Project water in SLR if it impacts the upcoming Contract Year Project operations.

In the event the Federal share of SLR does not fill prior to a sustained drawdown, the rescheduled Project water and acquired non-Project water will be considered to "float" on top of the upcoming Contract Year Project water storage and will be deemed as having no impact on the upcoming Contract Year Project supplies. Rescheduled Project water must be the first Project water scheduled and used in the upcoming Contract Year.

In the event the Federal share of SLR is deemed full on March 1, or fills prior to a sustained drawdown, Reclamation will maintain a record of foregone pumping from the time Federal SLR filled until the conclusion of the sustained drawdown and the loss of rescheduled water, if any, will be calculated by Reclamation as follows:

- a. The application of foregone pumping would be applied to rescheduled Project water after all lower-priority water pursuant to Section A has been sequentially exhausted;
- b. If applicable foregone pumping exceeds the total volume of rescheduled Project water remaining as of the sustained drawdown, all remaining rescheduled Project water shall be lost;
- c. If applicable foregone pumping is less than the total volume of all rescheduled Project water remaining as of the sustained drawdown then the volume of such water available for use after the sustained drawdown shall be reduced by the quantity of foregone pumping and any remaining rescheduled Project water above

this calculated volume shall be deemed lost. Losses of such rescheduled Project water shall be imposed sequentially and proportionately based on contract quantity among Contractors pursuant to priorities described in Section A.

In advance of any reductions in rescheduled Project water and acquired non-Project water quantities attributable to foregone pumping, Reclamation will make all reasonable efforts to notify contractors of Section 215 water availability during the time that such foregone pumping occurs.

Delivery of the volume of rescheduled Project water available for use after the sustained drawdown shall be consistent with the priority schedule outlined in Section A of these guidelines. In the unlikely event that sustained drawdown does not occur until after April 1, Reclamation shall consult with the contractors and may modify its calculation of the volume of rescheduled Project water lost, consistent with the principle that rescheduled Project water shall not interfere with Project operations or Reclamation's ability to make Project water available to its contractors.

Reclamation will make reasonable efforts to keep contractors apprised of anticipated Project operations to assist in the prudent management of rescheduled and acquired non-Project water. To the extent necessary, Reclamation shall inform the SLDMWA of the total quantity of rescheduled and acquired non-Project water that may be lost due to foregone pumping.

8. Section 215 Water. Contractors who have rescheduled Project irrigation or M&I water and have not taken full delivery of such water may be allowed to enter into temporary contracts with the United States for non-storable or unmanageable flood flows of short duration (Section 215 water). Except to the extent contractors can demonstrate that Section 215 water will satisfy additional demand, contractors will be required to forfeit an equal quantity of any rescheduled Project water and acquired non-Project water they may have remaining in SLR at the time they commence delivery of Section 215 water.

C. Rescheduled Water Payment

The Mid-Pacific Region has established Business Practice Guideline (BPG) No. 8 dated December 21, 2012, that provides guidance for developing rates, identifying contractor obligations and payment requirements, and applying revenue for rescheduled Project water. This BPG will be issued with these Rescheduling Guidelines and will be updated as appropriate to reflect applicable rates and charges. Please refer to this document to determine the rates, charges and fees applicable to rescheduled Project water.