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**STATE WATER CONTRACTORS' RESPONSE TO STATEMENT ON CONVEYANCE AS
CRITICAL PART OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY SOLUTION**

Sacramento, CA – As directed by Governor Newsom, the California Natural Resources Agency today announced that the California Department of Water Resources plans to cease pursuit of permits for a twin tunnel conveyance project and instead advance a single-tunnel conveyance project for the Sacramento San Joaquin Bay Delta. The Newsom Administration recognizes that conveyance is a critical part of a forward-thinking, portfolio approach to managing California's water supply, ensuring climate resiliency and protection against seismic risks.

"We're grateful that the Newsom Administration recognizes that a modern, conveyance solution in the Delta that moves forward now is a necessary part of the equation — ensuring that California's water supply management is responsive to the imminent impacts of climate change and devastating threats of earthquake. California now has a renewed sense of urgency to advance the design and planning of a tunnel project that addresses what we've all known for decades: the status quo is completely unacceptable.

The State Water Contractors have developed successful local and regional projects to diversify and build out our water supply, but these projects are not a replacement for a statewide solution that will create a more resilient and sustainable California. We need to do it all, and we stand by the Newsom Administration in its commitment and dedication to implementing a multi-faceted solution that includes a Delta tunnel."

**Jennifer Pierre
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