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State Water Contractors' Response to State Agencies' Draft Water Resilience Portfolio Outlining Governor Newsom's Vision for the Future of California Water

Sacramento, CA – Today, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) released a draft [water resilience portfolio](#) detailing their recommendations to bolster California's long-term water resiliency and ecosystem health. The draft was developed in response to Governor Newsom's [April 29 executive order](#) calling for a portfolio of actions that may be taken to help meet the future water needs of California's fish and wildlife as well as the millions of people that depend on a reliable water source every day to run their homes, farms and businesses. There is a wealth of information in the portfolio and its appendices and we will continue our review.

However, we are pleased to see that many of the suggestions provided in the State Water Contractors [comment letter](#) on September 5, 2019 have been included in the portfolio, including upgrading infrastructure to improve conveyance and investing in existing infrastructure management and maintenance to address the impacts of climate change and population growth among other challenges — while protecting the Delta ecosystems.

“The draft portfolio released today recognizes the importance of building a water supply that is more sustainable and more resilient to the increasing impacts of climate change. We stand behind the state's commitment to address the important issues facing the Bay-Delta and our state, including the need to complete a voluntary agreement and modernize conveyance, as a part of a broad package of local and regional water actions to benefit all Californians,” **said Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors.** “If we are to meet the challenges ahead, we must work quickly and collaboratively, basing management actions and decisions on the best available science.”

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