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State Water Contractors Respond to Increased Allocation of State Water Project Supplies
Non-Delta Water Allocation from San Luis Reservoir Made Possible Thanks to Winter Storms

Sacramento, CA – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced today that the agency will be increasing the 2022 allocation of water to State Water Project contractors to fifteen percent, up from the initial zero percent allocation announced in December. The storms that occurred in October and December of last year, allowed for the movement of about 380,000 acre-feet of water into the State Water Project's share of San Luis Reservoir – located south of the Delta. The water allocation will primarily be based on stored water in San Luis Reservoir.

"We are pleased that the winter storms combined with the State Water Project's ability to move and store water have made this increased allocation possible," said **Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors**. "Unfortunately, this doesn't come close to ending the drought or the risk to water supplies throughout the State. 2020 and 2021 combined were the two driest years in California's statewide precipitation record ever, and it will take more than a few storms here or there to mitigate the impacts of multiple dry years. We cannot rely on the Sierra snowpack reservoir alone anymore. While we all continue to hope for more favorable hydrology, investments in SWP infrastructure must be aggressively pursued to ensure climate resiliency into the future."

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