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State Water Contractors Respond to Decreased Allocation of State Water Project Supplies
State Decreases Water Deliveries to Five Percent as California Experiences "Climate Whiplash"

Sacramento, CA – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced today a decrease in 2022 State Water Project allocations back to five percent, plus health and safety, down from the fifteen percent allocation announced in January. Heavy rain and snowfall in October and December of last year allowed for additional water supplies to be moved through the State Water Project into San Luis Reservoir, located south of the Delta. However, unprecedented dry conditions since January have warranted a decreased allocation as California experiences "climate whiplash" between big, flashy storms followed by extended dry periods as evidenced in recent months. This limited water supply is vital for meeting the health and safety and other critical needs in the State Water Contractors' service areas as drought persists.

"As California enters our third consecutive dry year, today's allocation announcement is a clear call for the need to immediately conserve more water and get serious about updating our infrastructure to accommodate our changed hydrology. This year is on track to be the most difficult for Central Valley agriculture since the water projects were built. We must be able to capture and store water when it's wet for use when it's dry. Our communities, food supply, and environment cannot be sustained without these investments and actions," said **Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors.**

Learn more about how you can do your part to conserve here: https://swc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Save-Our-Water-Whiteboard-Video_English.mp4

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