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State Water Contractors Respond to Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy

Investments in Infrastructure and Water Resilience Projects to Help Secure California's Water Future

Sacramento, CA – Today, the Governor announced a [water supply plan](#) to adapt to California's hotter and drier weather, which focuses on the modernization of the state's water infrastructure. With the state projected to lose 10% of its water supplies over the next 20 years, today's plan outlines strategies to advance water infrastructure, expand water storage capacity, reduce water demand, and improve forecasting, data and management. Governor Newsom also named Antonio Villaraigosa to serve as a key Infrastructure Advisor for the state.

"The Governor's strategy is a direct reflection of the urgent need to modernize and repair the state's water infrastructure to ensure a more resilient water supply," said **Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors**. "As we approach a fourth consecutive dry year and ongoing aridification, we must get serious about advancing projects like the Delta Conveyance Project to accommodate our changing hydrology, investing in subsidence repair and prioritizing conservation as a California way of life."

The Governor's plan builds on the \$2.8 billion allocation in the 2022-23 budget for drought relief to hard-hit communities, water conservation, environmental protection for fish and wildlife and long-term resilience projects.

"Investments in improved forecasting and data management are also critical to achieving the Governor's water supply strategies, making way for more flexible water management rooted in science and adaptive management. We look forward to working with the Governor, our state agency partners and local water agencies to advance climate resilient projects to secure California's water future."

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