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State Water Contractors Respond to Increased Allocation of State Water Project Supplies

Allocation Increases from Initial 5% Announced in December of Last Year to 30% Following Recent Storms

Sacramento, CA – Today, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an increase in the 2023 water supply allocation for public water agencies who receive water from the State Water Project (SWP). Up from the initial 5% allocation announced in December of last year, the 30% allocation (1.27 million acre-feet) announced today comes on the heels of recent heavy storms and will certainly help to restore supplies in the state reservoirs that have been severely depleted as a result of the current drought.

“We welcome this much needed increase in State Water Project supplies but we will need additional storms to recover from multiple dry years,” said **Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors**. “As California looks to adapt to our changing climate and pattern of longer dry periods followed by flashier and more unpredictable storm events, we must seek to take advantage of every opportunity to capture more water when it’s wet to use throughout the year when it’s not.”

“That is why it is so important to upgrade and maintain the SWP infrastructure through larger and longer-term solutions like the Delta Conveyance Project. Had the Delta Conveyance Project been in place during these most recent winter storms, we would have captured an additional 200,000 acre-feet, water that could have been used to bolster and help further develop local supplies.”

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