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State Water Contractors Respond to Initial Allocation of State Water Project Supplies for 2024

Despite Record Wet Winter, DWR Announces 10% Allocation Due to Unexpected Dry Fall, Underscoring Need for Significantly Greater Management Flexibility

Sacramento, CA – Today, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial 10% 2024 water supply allocation for public water agencies that receive water from the State Water Project (SWP). The decision reflects the rapid shifts between wet and dry conditions we have experienced this year and will continue to experience as our climate changes. After receiving a [100% water allocation in April of this year](#) – the first time since 2006 – we start a new year, which so far has been dry. As is typical each year, allocations are expected to increase if rainy conditions increase over the winter months. The State Water Contractors pay for 100% of the State Water Project operations and maintenance regardless of how much water they receive.

Statement from Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors:

“The success of California's climate resiliency rests on our ability to be flexible in making water management decisions that can effectively account for real-time and forecasted swings in hydrologic conditions. We support the Governor's ‘all of the above’ approach to improve the way we manage water through climate change, modernizing our 60-year-old water infrastructure through the Delta Conveyance Project and implementing the Voluntary Agreements – known as the Agreements for Healthy Rivers and Landscapes – to better manage flows for the environment and the communities that depend on the State Water Project.

We need to store water when it's wet, so we can use it when it's dry. We can support sensitive fish species with reservoir releases while ensuring enough water to make sure that people can still run their homes, farms and businesses that underpin our entire economy.”

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