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## **State Water Contractors Respond to Increased Allocation of State Water Project Supplies for 2024**

*Allocation increases to 15%, up from initial 10% allocation announced in December*

**Sacramento, CA** — Today, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that public water agencies will now receive 15% percent of contracted water supplies from the State Water Project (SWP) this year — an increase from DWR's initial 10% allocation announced in December of last year. This increased allocation, which does not include the results of storms that occurred after February 1, equates to about 200,000 acre-feet of additional water for public water agencies that continue to pay for 100% of the SWP operations and maintenance even when they receive less than their 100% allotment.

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

"January's storms allowed the state to increase, though slightly, its storage and delivery of much-needed water supplies from the SWP. The storms California has experienced so far have brought historic rainfall to Southern California, while Northern California — where the SWP and its infrastructure begins — has seen less precipitation.

With several weeks left in this year's wet season, we hope more rain and snow can drive this allocation even higher. SWP reservoirs remain above average for this time of year, and following last year's historic storms, both Lake Oroville and San Luis Reservoir's storage have increased since the first of the year. And had the Delta Conveyance Project been in place, we could have moved an additional 314,000 acre-feet of water, which would have resulted in a higher allocation.

California's climate extremes — characterized by larger, more unpredictable storms followed by prolonged dry periods — show how critical it is for our water managers to have the ability to make real-time water management decisions based on forecasting and current hydrology, capture as much water as possible when it's available, and protect water supplies and deliveries for the 27 million Californians who rely on the SWP."

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