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State Water Contractors Respond to April Increase in State Water Project Allocation

While the allocation increase is an improvement, DWR's most recent increase to 50% is not reflective of current reservoir capacity and snowpack

Sacramento, CA — Today, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) increased the State Water Project's allocation to 50% of contracted water supplies. DWR has conservatively increased SWP allocations since an initial 5% allocation in December, reflecting the amount of precipitation contributing to California's stored water supply.

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

"The State Water Contractors welcome the most recent allocation increase to 50% of contracted State Water Project supplies, but we remain convinced that California needs more operational flexibility to make the most of the storms that are critical to our water supply each year.

This year, California's reservoirs are nearing capacity, to the point that Lake Oroville is planned to spill, and DWR's most recent snow survey measured statewide snowpack at 90% of average. Despite that, Delta exports have been running at less than half capacity while the State Water Contractors continue to pay for 100% of the system's operation and maintenance. This mismatch in hydrology and supplies requires immediate attention and science-based action to retain environmental protections while also increasing stored supplies when reservoirs are spilling and there is significant sustained runoff through the Delta."

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