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HEALTHY RIVERS & LANDSCAPES PROGRAM ADVANCES BEFORE THE STATE WATER BOARD

Sacramento, CA — The State Water Board today released another draft update to its Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan that includes two regulatory pathways:

1) a comprehensive Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program; and
2) a flow-only approach for parties not participating in the HRL Program.

Public water agencies in California — from Redding to San Diego — strongly support the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program as the best approach for California. The HRL Program provides the balance necessary to protect all beneficial uses of water and the best possible outcome for people, farms, fish and wildlife. We are committed to continue to work on this decades-long process with the State Water Board and its staff to address our remaining issues so that we are well positioned to support the State Water Board's adoption of the Healthy River and Landscapes Program. As part of this process, we strongly urge the State Water Board over the next several months to fully embrace the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program presented by the state, federal and local agencies, as the HRL program delicately balances beneficial uses throughout California and is ready to be implemented by a coalition of agencies to improve the health of the Bay-Delta watershed.

THE BEST PATH FORWARD *for California*

Advancing the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program means investing in a combination of flows integrated with on-the-ground habitat projects, creating multi-benefit water management strategies and state-wide policies that unite cities, communities, agriculture and conservationists. Together, we can build a resilient Bay-Delta where rivers, farms, refuges, and communities thrive. Our diverse coalition represents 32 million Californians and will improve conditions for fish and wildlife that rely on healthy rivers and landscapes.

The following water agencies are MOU signatories and actively participating in the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

SWC · NCWA Northern California Water Association · ACWA · RWA Regional Water Authority Building Alliances in Northern California · The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California · SCWC · EBMUD

San Bernardino Valley A Regional Water Agency Since 1954 · Yuba Water Agency · Kern County Water Agency · Friant Water Authority · PVID Est. 1918 · Sacramento River Settlement Contractors · Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

DWA Desert Water Agency · AVEK · Western Canal Water District Nelson, CA · Mojave Water Agency · San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority · TID Water & Power · Water District · SCV Water

TCCA Tehama Colusa Canal Authority · Central Coast Water Authority · San Francisco Water Power Sewer Services of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission · Solano County Water Agency · NID · SSWD South Sutter Water District

Casitas Municipal Water District · Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District · San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District · San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency · Westlands Water District · CCWD · MID Modesto Irrigation District