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California Congressional Delegation Secures Critical Funding for Subsidence Repair

State and federal funding are essential to secure the State Water Project's delivery capability

Sacramento, CA — Today, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced $50 million in funding to address subsidence along the San Luis Canal in the California Aqueduct — a joint-use facility serving the State Water Project and Central Valley Project, California's most essential water infrastructure. The funding will complement California's efforts, such as Senator McNerney's proposed SB 872, to contribute toward the estimated $3 billion in subsidence repairs without burdening ratepayers.

Decades of land subsidence throughout the San Joaquin Valley has created significant damage and disrepair to state and federal aqueduct systems and other critical infrastructure, reducing the capacity of conveyance systems to reliably deliver water. California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) estimates that the State Water Project's capability to deliver water could be reduced by 87% in the coming years if subsidence repairs are not made quickly.

In response to the bill's introduction, **Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors (SWC), said**:

"We are grateful to California's congressional delegation for their leadership in securing this necessary funding. Subsidence repairs on the State Water Project are essential so it can continue delivering reliable and affordable water and maintain its contributions to the electrical grid. Subsidence is one of the most urgent threats to Californians' water security and water affordability.

"More than 200 miles of the State Water Project have been impacted and require significant repairs that, without this essential federal funding, would represent an unaffordable burden on the 27 million people who rely on State Water Project supplies. The funding announced today will go toward critical repairs to ensure immediate water reliability while the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation implement a long-term solution. The scale of the threat is massive, and we need all hands on deck, so it is encouraging to see our federal leaders step up as partners with the state to take on this challenge."

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The State Water Contractors is a statewide, non-profit association of 27 public agencies from Northern, Central and Southern California that purchase water under contract from the California State Water

Project. Collectively the State Water Contractors deliver water to more than 27 million residents throughout the state and more than 750,000 acres of agricultural land. For more information on the State Water Contractors, please visit www.swc.org.