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ACWA Statement Regarding Increased SWP Allocations

Little Relief Seen for Hardest-Hit Water Agencies as Supplies Remain Low

Sacramento – Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Executive Director Timothy Quinn issued the following statement today on the slight increase in State Water Project allocations announced by the Department of Water Resources. Urban and agricultural customers of the project now stand to receive just 30% of their water supplies this year, up from 20% announced in March.

“The latest allocation announcement is an improvement, but it does little to relieve the difficult situation for hard-hit agencies that rely on the State Water Project for their main water supply. The stage is now set for the season, and these agencies and their customers are getting less than a third of their water this year – one of the lowest allocations ever.

“It’s an extremely challenging landscape for many water agencies this year, and there are shortages in the Central Valley, parts of the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California. At least 20 local water agencies have adopted mandatory conservation measures for the communities they serve, and we expect to see more do so in the coming weeks.

“Conservation is a necessary part of the equation today. But it is only part of the comprehensive approach we need to solve our water problems for the long term. We continue to work for solutions that include investments in our water system so it can meet the needs of our environment and our economy.”

ACWA is a statewide association of public agencies whose 450 members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California. For more information, visit www.acwa.com.

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