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## **ACWA Leaders Call for Action on Water Package**

*Governor, Others Take Part in Capitol Rally to Urge Approval of Comprehensive Plan*

**Sacramento** — Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) leaders appeared at a Capitol rally today with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and a variety of stakeholders to call for action now on a comprehensive water package.

ACWA Executive Director Timothy Quinn and Past President Randy Fiorini joined representatives of ACWA member agencies at the event, which capped a week of renewed negotiations and discussions on a far-reaching legislative package to address the Delta, water conservation and other issues.

While some elements of the legislation continue to be negotiated, Quinn applauded progress to date by the governor and legislators. He said it is critical to reach agreement on solutions to improve the reliability of the state's water system and restore ecological health to the Delta.

“Solving these problems is essential to the cities, farms and businesses that rely on our troubled water system,” Quinn said. “It is absolutely vital that we all work together to complete a package that can meet the goals of a reliable water supply and a restored Delta ecosystem.”

Noting that historic progress has been made in recent weeks to reach agreement on Delta policy and governance, Quinn said too much is at stake to stop negotiating. “We are close to something that could be the biggest breakthrough in a half-century. We need to get this done.”

*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](http://www.acwa.com).*

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