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State Water Project to Deliver 100 Percent of Requests

SACRAMENTO---The Department of Water Resources today announced it plans to deliver 100 percent of the water requested for 1997 by its 29 long-term water supply contractors.

The State Water Project contractors had requested 2.98 million acre-feet of water.

The Department's water allocation decisions are based on the amount of water in storage, projections of runoff from snowpack, environmental requirements, SWP operational constraints and needs of contractors.

An acre-foot of water meets the water needs of about five people for one year.

About 60 percent of State Water Project deliveries go to urban users in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. About 40 percent goes to agricultural users in the San Joaquin Valley.

The SWP met 100 percent of requested deliveries during 1996.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs. The State Water Project provides water to two-thirds of California's population.

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