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Next Sierra Snow Survey is This Thursday, March 27

Reporters, photographers, and camera crews should gather at the DWR snow survey site off Highway 50 near Echo Summit **by 11 a.m. this Thursday.**

To get to the survey site, take Highway 50 east of Sacramento to Sierra-at-Tahoe turnoff. Park about 100 yards down the road. Bring your snowshoes or cross-country skis.

If you can't be there, try the cell phones or information officer number listed above.

BACKGROUND: Surveyors from many agencies visit more than two hundred snow measurement courses in the Sierra each month to gauge the amount of water in the snowpack. Snow water content is important in determining the coming year's water supply. The measurements from January through May help hydrologists prepare water supply forecasts as well as provide power companies and the recreation industry with much needed data.

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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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