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SWP Plans 100 Percent Deliveries During 1999

SACRAMENTO---State water officials today announced that during 1999 the State Water Project expects to make 100 percent of water deliveries requested by the State Water Contractors.

An abundant water supply is on tap in the form of Sierra snowpack and reservoir storage, said officials of the Department of Water Resources which operates the SWP. SWP supplies can provide all 3.2 million-acre feet requested by the agencies with longterm contracts to buy SWP water, said DWR officials.

(An acre-foot of water contains 325,900 gallons and is often described as the amount of water sufficient to meet the needs of five people for one year.)

Since the end of a six-year drought in 1992, the SWP has fully met State Water Contractors' water needs every year, except the dry year of 1994.

The SWP provides water to approximately 20 million Californians and about 600,000 acres of farmland. Approximately 70 percent of SWP water currently goes to urban users and 30 percent to agricultural users.

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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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