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DWR RELEASES SWP DELIVERY RELIABILITY REPORT

SACRAMENTO-The Department of Water Resources has released, for public review and discussion, a draft report on the delivery reliability of the State Water Project.

The draft "State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" provides information on the SWP's ability to deliver water under existing conditions and 20 years into the future and updates information to the State Water Project contractors regarding reliability of the SWP component of their water supply.

It also provides data that will assist local water and planning agencies in developing or revising water management plans and in determining local system sufficiency in meeting demands of proposed developments.

Recent laws, SB 221 (Kuehl) and SB 610 (Costa), require that water retailers demonstrate whether their water supplies are sufficient for certain proposed subdivisions and development projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

The DWR report is currently available on the web at <http://swpdelivery.water.ca.gov/>. Printed copies will be available in early September and will be sent to all city, county, local and regional planning agencies within the SWP service area, and to other interested parties.

In September, public meetings will be held in Ontario, Los Angeles, Valencia, Santa Barbara, San Jose, and Sacramento. Details will be announced and listed on the web.

For SWP water contractors and their subsidiaries, the SWP is only one component of their overall water supply. Other sources can include groundwater, local surface water, reclaimed and recycled water, and water imported from other areas. All of these elements, as well as demand management programs, must be analyzed together to form a comprehensive assessment of local water system sufficiency to meet current and future

demands.

The analyses contained in the report conclude that the SWP, using existing facilities and operated under current regulations, can deliver an average between 70 and 75 percent of the primary contractual supply (defined as the Table A amount) now and in the future. During dry periods, deliveries are projected to be significantly lower. For example, if conditions similar to 1977 were to repeat, SWP deliveries are projected to be about 20 percent.

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.

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