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DWR Increases State Water Project Allocation to 80%

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced it is increasing its allocation of 2005 State Water Project (SWP) water for long-term contractors from 70% to 80%.

Dan Flory, Chief of the Department's State Water Project Analysis Office, said DWR's new approval considered several factors, "including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, SWP operational constraints, and 2005 contractor demands." Flory also said "DWR will revise allocations as the year's hydrologic and water conditions develop."

An 80% percent allocation amounts to 3,300,000 acre-feet, distributed among the 29 long-term SWP Contractors who serve more than 23 million Californians and about 750,000 acres of irrigated farmland. It is the largest allocation increase for this time of year since the El Nino weather phenomenon of 1998. At this time last year, the allocation was just 50%.

SWP Contractors' Table A water for 2005 totals 4.13 million acre-feet, of which all was requested. Table A water is the maximum contractual amount that SWP Contractors can request each year.

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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