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DWR Increases State Water Project Allocation to 90%

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced it is increasing its allocation of 2005 State Water Project (SWP) water for long-term contractors from 80% to 90%.

“With this latest increase, DWR is headed for a record SWP year in the number of acre feet delivered,” commented Dan Flory, Chief of the Department’s State Water Project Analysis Office.

He credited the timing of storms this year, combined with an excellent snowpack, with giving DWR the opportunity to provide SWP contractors 90% of their requests.

Flory added, “a big factor in the increase to 90% allocation is record precipitation in the Northern Sierra during May, which totaled nearly 400% of average.”

A 90% percent allocation amounts to 3,713,117 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 equal to the 90% granted on May 16, 2003. In the El Nino influenced water year of 1999, DWR delivered 100% of requests but the amount of acre footage was less than the expected delivery this year.

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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