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DWR Releases Final 2009 SWP Delivery Reliability Report

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released for public review the *Final State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report 2009*.

The report updates estimates of current (2009) and future (through 2029) State Water Project (SWP) delivery reliability and incorporates federal biological opinions for smelt and salmon and potential impacts of future climate changes. The 2009 report shows current SWP annual Table A deliveries averaging 60 percent (2,595 taf) of the maximum contract amount of 4,133 thousand acre-feet (taf) per year.

Produced every two years as part of a settlement agreement signed in 2003, the report contains estimates that are used by water agencies within the SWP service area in developing their water management plans.

The 2009 report shows that future SWP deliveries will be impacted by two significant factors:

- Restrictions on SWP and Central Valley Project (CVP) Delta pumping required under biological opinions issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (December 2008) and National Marine Fisheries Service (June 2009).
- Climate change, which is altering State hydrologic conditions.

This report represents the state of water affairs if no actions for improvement are taken. It shows continued erosion of SWP water delivery reliability under the current method of moving water through the Delta.

The *State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report 2009* is available for public review at <http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov>.

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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.

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