

# Memorandum

Date: July 8, 2003

To: Management Agencies

Project Agencies

From: Department of Water Resources

Subject: **Release of Environmental Water Account Assets (Sacramento Groundwater Authority) to the Central Valley Project as Payment For Past Fish Actions**

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the concurrence of the EWA Management Agencies to the release of EWA water to the Central Valley Project. The Management Agencies concur in the release of 944.25 acre-feet, which is a portion of the assets described on the attached table, to the Central Valley Project as partial payment for fish actions taken pursuant to the CALFED Record of Decision to provide for fish protection above the regulatory baseline requirements at no uncompensated water cost to the Projects.

The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation contracted with Sacramento Groundwater Authority for the purchase of up to 10,000 acre-feet, beginning June 2002, to be delivered to the EWA Management Agencies in O'Neill Forebay. However, only 7,142.6 acre-feet was actually delivered - 4,645.8 acre-feet which was stored in Folsom Reservoir between June and November, 2002, (and later released between December 20 and 29, 2002); and 2,496.8 acre-feet which was released into the Sacramento River downstream of Folsom Reservoir between July and November, 2002. The Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with Reclamation, scheduled release of 323 acre-feet, between September 1-2, 8-9, 2002. Reclamation scheduled release of 621.25 acre-feet on December 4, 2002. The remaining amount of water was released in the Lower American River for instream benefits. The costs associated with the purchase of this water are also identified in the attached table. The Management Agencies have concurred in the release of this water to the CVP as it is made available in O'Neill Forebay. As a result of this instantaneous release of 944.25 acre-feet, no additional costs for conveyance or storage will be incurred by the EWA. Any operational costs or credits associated with the acquisition, conveyance, storage and delivery from San Luis Reservoir to O'Neill Forebay will be determined as the water is released and will be applied in a future settlement of all EWA costs and credits.

  
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<b>Environmental Water Account Executed Water Purchase Agreements</b>			
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Date Purchased</b>	<b>Amount of Purchased Water<sup>1</sup> (acre-feet)</b>	<b>Purchase Cost</b>
Sacramento Groundwater Authority/U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	2002	7,142.6	\$535,695
<b>TOTAL</b>		7,142.6	\$535,695

<sup>1</sup> The Department will determine carriage and aqueduct conveyance losses in transporting this water through the Delta and projects' facilities, respectively, for release to the Project Agencies in O'Neill Forebay.