

Memorandum

Date: July 8, 2003

To: Management Agencies

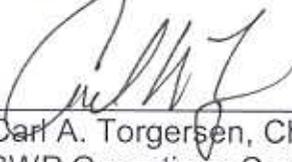
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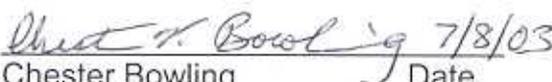
From: Department of Water Resources

Subject: **Release of Environmental Water Account Assets (Yuba County Water Agency) to the Central Valley Project and the State Water 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 and the State Water Project. The Management Agencies concur in the release of 135,000 acre-feet, as described on the attached table, to the Central Valley Project and State Water 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 Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA), scheduled delivery of 135,000 acre-feet held in YCWA project storage facilities, between June 20, 2002 and September 30, 2002, to the EWA Management Agencies in O'Neill Forebay. 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 and SWP as it is made available in O'Neill Forebay. As a result of this instantaneous release of 135,000 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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Attachment

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Environmental Water Account Executed Water Purchase Agreements			
Agency	Date Purchased	Amount of Purchased Water ¹ (acre-feet)	Purchase Cost
Yuba County Water Agency/ Department of Water Resources	February 1, 2002	135,000	\$10,125,000
TOTAL		135,000	\$10,125,000

¹ 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.