


NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date:** 3/24/2023**Number:** 23-07**Subject:** Increase of State Water Project 2023 Allocation to 75 Percent

From: 

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Above average precipitation from late February to date continues to contribute inflows into State Water Project (SWP) reservoirs and increase the snowpack in the Sierras. Therefore, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 35 to 75 percent of most¹ SWP contractors' Maximum Annual Table A amounts.

In determining available SWP supplies, DWR has considered several factors including SWP contractors' projected 2023 demands, existing storage in SWP conservation facilities, estimates of future runoff, SWP operational and regulatory requirements from the federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act, and water rights obligations under the State Water Resources Control Board's authority. DWR may revise the SWP allocation if warranted depending on the rest of the year's hydrologic conditions and available SWP water supplies.

DWR will develop the 75 percent water delivery schedules by prorating the existing schedules submitted by the Contractors in October 2022 (as part of initial requests), including any subsequent updates that may have been provided to DWR. If a contractor foresees any changes to their water delivery schedule, please communicate such changes to DWR in a timely manner.

With the 2023 SWP allocation above 40 percent, according to the "Draft Guidelines for State Water Project Allocation for Human Health and Safety Need Pursuant to

¹ Attachment A presents these allocations.

Article 18a of Water Supply Contracts,” dated March, 28, 2022, SWP contractors with a 2022 *SWP HH&S balance* shall schedule a portion of their 2023 Table A allocation as payback to DWR of their 2022 *SWP HH&S balance*.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Leahigh, Assistant Division Manager, Water Management, SWP Division of Operations and Maintenance, at (916) 902-9876.

Attachment A: Updated 2023 SWP Allocation Table