

NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date: January 29, 2026****Number: 26-01****Subject: Increase of State Water Project 2026 Allocation to 30 Percent****From:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Yarbrough".

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A series of atmospheric rivers that arrived mid-December and continued until early January provided for above average precipitation and high runoff, contributing to storage increases in California reservoirs. However, the series of storms were warm, snowpack accumulation has been below average, and continuing warm and dry weather in January has resulted in snowpack loss. Therefore, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 10 percent to 30 percent of most SWP contractors' requested Annual Table A Amounts for 2026, as shown in Attachment A – 2026 SWP Allocation. Considering the recent dry and warm conditions and associated forecasts, we will be carefully assessing and evaluating future allocation increases as hydrologic conditions become clearer.

To determine the available SWP water supplies, DWR considers various factors including SWP contractors' 2026 carryover supplies and demands, existing storage in SWP conservation facilities, estimates of future runoff, near-term and seasonal climate forecasts, SWP operational, contractual, and regulatory requirements set forth in the Federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act, and water rights obligations under the State Water Resources Control Board's authority.

To schedule SWP water deliveries under this allocation, DWR will utilize the 30-percent water delivery schedules submitted by the SWP contractors in October 2025 (as part of initial requests) or as revised with any subsequent updates. If an SWP contractor foresees

any changes to their water delivery schedule, please communicate such changes to DWR in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at John.Yarbrough@water.ca.gov.

Attachment A: 2026 State Water Project Allocation, updated January 29, 2026

Attachment A
2026 STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION
Updated
January 29, 2026

SWP Contractors	Annual Table A Amount (Acre-Feet)	Approved Table A Allocation (Acre-Feet)	Approved Allocation as a Percentage of Annual Table A Amount (3) = (2)/(1)
	(1)	(2)	
<u>FEATHER RIVER</u>			
County of Butte	27,500	16,500	60%
Plumas County FC&WCD	2,700	810	30%
City of Yuba City	9,600	3,840	40%
Subtotal	39,800	21,150	
<u>NORTH BAY</u>			
Napa County FC&WCD	29,025	11,610	40%
Solano County WA	47,756	19,103	40%
Subtotal	76,781	30,713	
<u>SOUTH BAY</u>			
Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7	80,619	24,186	30%
Alameda County WD	42,000	12,600	30%
Santa Clara Valley WD	100,000	30,000	30%
Subtotal	222,619	66,786	
<u>SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY</u>			
Oak Flat WD	5,700	1,710	30%
County of Kings	9,305	2,792	30%
Dudley Ridge WD	41,350	12,405	30%
Empire West Side ID	3,617	1,086	30%
Kern County WA	982,730	294,819	30%
Tulare Lake Basin WSD	86,854	26,057	30%
Subtotal	1,129,556	338,869	
<u>CENTRAL COASTAL</u>			
San Luis Obispo County FC&WCD	25,000	7,500	30%
Central Coast Water Authority*	45,486	13,646	30%
Subtotal	70,486	21,146	
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>			
Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	144,844	43,454	30%
Santa Clarita Valley WA	95,200	28,560	30%
Coachella Valley WD	138,350	41,505	30%
Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA	5,800	1,740	30%
Desert WA	55,750	16,725	30%
Little Rock Creek ID	2,300	690	30%
Metropolitan WDSC	1,911,500	573,450	30%
Mojave WA	89,800	26,940	30%
Palmdale WD	21,300	6,390	30%
San Bernardino Valley MWD	102,600	30,780	30%
San Gabriel Valley MWD	28,800	8,640	30%
San Geronio Pass WA	17,300	5,190	30%
Ventura County WPD	20,000	6,000	30%
Subtotal	2,633,544	790,064	
TOTAL	4,172,786	1,268,728	~30%

*As of December 29, 2025; formerly Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.