



NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: 2002 Entitlement
Allocation Increase

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FROM: 
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Department of Water Resources is increasing the 2002 allocation of entitlement water for long-term State Water Project contractors from 824,000 acre-feet to 1.86 million acre-feet. Based on water in storage and an updated snow survey as of January 1, 2002, SWP supplies are projected to meet 45 percent of most SWP contractors' 2002 Table A entitlements totaling 4.13 MAF. A table reflecting the new 2002 SWP allocation of entitlement water is enclosed.

The Department is allocating water to users as soon as feasible to help contractors plan their operations for 2002. The Department's new approval considered several factors, including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, SWP operational constraints, carryover entitlement water from 2001, and 2002 contractors demands.

SWP water supply projections have improved from the initial November 30, 2001 allocation due to above average precipitation that occurred in northern California during December 2001. The Department will continue to evaluate the year's hydrologic and water supply conditions and may revise allocations when appropriate.

If you need additional information or would like to discuss this further, please call Dan Flory, Chief of DWR's State Water Project Analysis Office, at (916) 653-4313, or you may call Nancy Quan of his staff at (916) 653-0190.

Enclosure

