

NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date: 5/14/2026****Number: 26-05****Subject: DWR Increasing State Water Project Allocation to 45 Percent and Increasing North of Delta Allocation to 60 Percent****From:**

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

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California experienced record heat and dry conditions in March, which triggered an early snowmelt and increased concern about stored water supply conditions. In contrast, April saw well-above average precipitation which provided additional runoff, improved storage conditions, and helped meet Delta requirements without the need to rely on stored water releases. Because of these improved conditions, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation from 30 percent to 45 percent of most SWP contractors' requested Annual Table A Amounts for 2026 and increasing the North of Delta (NOD) Allocation from 45 percent to 60 percent, as shown in Attachment A – 2026 Allocation.

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.

DWR will develop updated water delivery schedules for this allocation by prorating 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 [Date TBD]

Attachment A
2026 STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION
Updated
5/14/2026

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	20,625	75%
Plumas County FC&WCD	2,700	1,215	45%
City of Yuba City	9,600	5,760	60%
Subtotal	39,800	27,600	
<u>NORTH BAY</u>			
Napa County FC&WCD	29,025	17,415	60%
Solano County WA	47,756	28,654	60%
Subtotal	76,781	46,069	
<u>SOUTH BAY</u>			
Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7	80,619	36,279	45%
Alameda County WD	42,000	18,900	45%
Santa Clara Valley WD	100,000	45,000	45%
Subtotal	222,619	100,179	
<u>SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY</u>			
Oak Flat WD	5,700	2,565	45%
County of Kings	9,305	4,188	45%
Dudley Ridge WD	41,350	18,608	45%
Empire West Side ID	3,617	1,628	45%
Kern County WA	982,730	442,229	45%
Tulare Lake Basin WSD	86,854	39,085	45%
Subtotal	1,129,556	508,303	
<u>CENTRAL COASTAL</u>			
San Luis Obispo County FC&WCD	25,000	11,250	45%
Central Coast Water Authority*	45,486	20,469	45%
Subtotal	70,486	31,719	
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>			
Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	144,844	65,180	45%
Santa Clarita Valley WA	95,200	42,840	45%
Coachella Valley WD	138,350	62,258	45%
Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA	5,800	2,610	45%
Desert WA	55,750	25,088	45%
Little Rock Creek ID	2,300	1,035	45%
Metropolitan WDSC	1,911,500	860,175	45%
Mojave WA	89,800	40,410	45%
Palmdale WD	21,300	9,585	45%
San Bernardino Valley MWD	102,600	46,170	45%
San Gabriel Valley MWD	28,800	12,960	45%
San Geronio Pass WA	17,300	7,785	45%
Ventura County WPD	20,000	9,000	45%
Subtotal	2,633,544	1,185,096	
TOTAL	4,172,786	1,898,966	~45%

*As of December 16, 2025; formerly Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.