


**NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS****Date:** 2/22/2023**Number:** 23-05**Subject:** Increase of State Water Project 2023 Allocation to 35 Percent

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Substantial precipitation in January 2023, which resulted in an above average snowpack in the Sierras, was followed by a mostly dry February. With an updated water supply forecast, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 30 to 35 percent of most<sup>1</sup> 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 by the year's developing hydrologic conditions and available SWP water supplies.

DWR will develop the 35 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Attachment A presents these allocations.

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