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Emergency Proclamations Highlight Urgent Situation

Comprehensive Solution Needed to Avoid Repeats in Future Years, ACWA Says

Sacramento — Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Executive Director Timothy Quinn issued the following statement regarding emergency proclamations issued today by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for nine counties due to water shortages.

“The counties included in today’s emergency proclamations have been the hardest hit by this year’s perfect storm of water supply challenges. There is little question that jobs and local economies are being hammered by serious reductions in water deliveries due to drought and court-ordered restrictions.

“While the emergency proclamations and other directives by the Governor may help manage the immediate situation this year, the fact remains that our water supply infrastructure is not sustainable – whether or not we’re in a dry year. When it starts raining again, things do not go back to normal. The underlying problem will not go away until we make the necessary investments to make the system sustainable for the environment and the economy.”

ACWA is a statewide association of public agencies whose 450 members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California. For more information, visit www.acwa.com.

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