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April 2005 CVP Water Supply Information Announced

Northern California has experienced well above normal precipitation during March, and the hydrologic conditions at a 90-percent probability of being exceeded has improved to a “Below Normal” year type. The Below Normal Year classification is based on the forecasted Sacramento Valley Index of 6.8 million acre feet. Reclamation uses this conservative forecast to determine the water supply available from the Federal Central Valley Project (CVP). As a result of wetter conditions in Northern California and a “wet” water year type for the San Joaquin Valley, Reclamation is increasing water supply allocations both North and South of the Delta. The CVP water supply allocation is summarized in the table below.

Mid-Pacific Region Water Year 2005 Water Allocation April 15, 2005									
Probability of Exceedence Forecasts	Percent of Historical Average Sacramento Valley Index & Year Type	North of Delta Allocation				South of Delta Allocation			
		Ag	M&I	R	WR	Ag	M&I	R	WR
50%	86% Below Normal	100	100	100	100	75	100	100	100
90%	80% Below Normal	100	100	100	100	70	95	100	100
Recent Historical Average (5-Year Average Allocation)		92	97	100	100	66	91	100	100

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Municipal and Industrial Allocations are based on historical deliveries.

Based upon April 1 conditions in the 90% forecast, Folsom Reservoir is expected to peak at about 940,000 acre-feet, elevation 462 feet by the end of May and the forecast for end of September will be about 530,000 acre-feet, elevation 420 feet. Unexpected operational requirements or variation from projected inflow may substantially alter these projections.

The CVP Cross Valley Canal Contractors' water supply allocation is also increasing to 70-percent of the contract supply. This water supply is dependent upon adequate capacity being available at the State Water Project Banks Pumping Plant to convey the water.

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In the 90-percent exceedence forecast, the allocation for the CVP East Side Division contractors (Stanislaus River) is projected to be about 38,000 acre-feet. In the 50-percent exceedence forecast, the allocation is projected to be approximately 54,000 acre-feet.

The Friant Division deliveries for Water Year 2005 are projected to be 1.9 million acre-feet, or 126 percent of the historic water supply of 1.5 million acre-feet. The allocation for Friant Division contractors will be 100 percent of Class 1, Uncontrolled Season for Class 2, and Section 215 water. The projected Friant Division delivery of 1.9 million acre-feet is based on the Department of Water Resources 50 percent exceedence forecast. Through April 7, 2005, precipitation in the San Joaquin River watershed was 47.83 inches compared to 27.15 inches this time last year.

Throughout the precipitation season, updated information will be provided as conditions warrant. For additional information on the Water Year 2005 water supply, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100, TDD 916-978-5608. In the coming months, additional information will continue to be posted on the Mid-Pacific Region's website at www.usbr.gov/mp.

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