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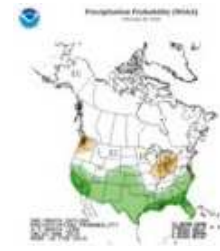
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**Informational Release**

**Reclamation Announces Additional Increases to Water Allocations for CVP Agricultural and M&I Water Users South of the Delta**

Today, Reclamation announces an additional 10-percent increase to South-of-Delta agricultural and Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water service contractors.

The California Department of Water Resources' Northern Sierra 8-Station Index shows precipitation at 145 percent of the seasonal average to date, and the San Joaquin 5-Station Index shows precipitation at 163 percent of the seasonal average to date ([http://cdec.water.ca.gov/water\\_cond.html](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/water_cond.html)). As a result, Reclamation expects San Joaquin River flows to be high, including Vernalis flows, which are expected to be above 21,750 cubic feet per second (cfs) through the end of May; therefore, exports will not be constrained by the National Marine Fisheries Service's reasonable and Prudent Alternative Action IV.2.1 during April or May. The allocations also assume that flood flows will continue to be available at Mendota Pool for use by CVP South-of-Delta water users through the end of May.

Reclamation uses the 90-percent exceedence model for official allocation purposes, which means that in 9 out of 10 years, more favorable conditions are expected to occur. A 50-percent exceedence model is also provided for informational and planning purposes. This year, the water supply available to our contractors in the two forecasts is identical. The following table provides the allocations by water user category:

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	Water Year Type and Percentage of Average Runoff	North-of-Delta (Percentages of contracted water supply)				South-of-Delta (Percentages of contracted water supply)			
		AG	M&I	R*	WR**	AG	M&I***	R*	WR**
Conservative Forecast (90%)	Below Normal 77% of Average	100	100	100	100	75	100	100	100
Median Forecast (50%)	Below Normal 96% of Average	100	100	100	100	75	100	100	100
5-Yr Average Allocation		76	90	100	100	40	73	100	100

**AG = Agriculture M&I = Municipal and industrial R = Refuges WR = Water Rights**

\*The allocation shown in the table for wildlife refuges applies to Level 2 water supplies only. A full water supply (including

both Level 2 and incremental Level 4 water) to the wildlife refuges would be about 555,500 acre-feet. Level 2 is 422,251 acre-feet which accounts for approximately three-fourths of a full refuge supply.

\*\*The allocation for water rights contractors is based upon pre-CVP held water rights, and wildlife refuges contractors are based upon pre-established Shasta inflow criteria.

\*\*\*Percentage of historic use.

### To summarize:

- Increased to 75 percent: Agricultural water service contractors South-of-Delta are allocated 75 percent of their contract supply of 1.965 million acre-feet, an increase of 10 percent from the update announced on March 28, 2011, and an increase of 25 percent from the initial allocation on February 18, 2011.
- Increased to 100 percent: M&I contractors South-of-Delta are allocated 100 percent of their contract supply, an increase of 10 percent from the update announced on March 28, 2011, and an increase of 25 percent from the initial allocation on February 18, 2011.
- Unchanged at 100 percent: Agricultural water service contractors North-of-Delta are allocated 100 percent of their contract supply of 443,000 acre-feet.
- Unchanged at 100 percent: M&I water service contractors North-of-Delta are allocated 100 percent of their contract supply of approximately 340,000 acre-feet.
- Unchanged at 100 percent: Sacramento River Settlement Contractors and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors, who receive their CVP water supply based on a pre-CVP water right, are allocated 100 percent of their contract supply of 2.2 million acre-feet and 840,000 acre-feet respectively.
- Unchanged at 100 percent: Wildlife refuges (Level 2) North- and South-of-Delta, whose allocations are based on a pre-established inflow trigger to Shasta Reservoir, are allocated 100 percent of their contract supply of 422,000 acre-feet. In addition, at this time Reclamation expects to meet all South-of-Delta Incremental Level 4 refuge water demands for Central Valley Project Improvement Act-designated refuges that can be served by San Luis Unit-Delta facilities.
- Unchanged at 100 percent: Eastside water service contractors (Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Stockton East Water District), whose water supplies are delivered from New Melones Reservoir on the Stanislaus River, are allocated their full contract supply of 155,000 acre-feet.
- Unchanged at 100 percent Class 1 and 20 percent Class 2: Friant Division contractors' water supply is delivered from Millerton Reservoir on the upper San Joaquin River. The first 800,000 acre-feet of water supply is considered Class 1\*; any remaining water is considered Class 2\*\*. Based upon the California Department of Water Resource's March Runoff Forecast, the Friant Division allocation is 100 percent of Class 1 (800,000 acre-feet) and 20 percent of the contracted supply of 1.4 million acre-feet of Class 2 (280,000 acre-feet).

\*"Class 1 Water" is that supply of water stored in or flowing through Millerton Reservoir which, subject to the contingencies described in the water service/repayment contracts, will be available for delivery from Millerton Reservoir and the Friant-Kern and Madera Canals as a dependable water supply during each contract year.

\*\* "Class 2 Water" is that supply of water which can be made available subject to the contingencies described in the water service contract for delivery from Millerton Reservoir and the Friant-Kern and Madera Canals in addition to the supply of Class 1 water. Because of its uncertainty as to availability and time of occurrence, such water will be undependable in character and will be furnished only if and when it can be made available as determined by

the Contracting Officer.

Changes to hydrology and opportunities to exercise operational flexibility of the CVP are factors and conditions that will influence the water supply and allocations as the water year progresses. Water supply updates will be made as appropriate and will be posted at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/pa/water>.

For additional information, please visit <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/pa/water> or contact the Mid-Pacific Region's Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100 (TTY 916-978-5608) or e-mail [mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov](mailto:mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov).

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