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SWC STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL DELAY OF 2010 WATER BOND

Sacramento, CA – “Recognizing the crisis in our statewide water infrastructure and fragile natural resources in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, the State Water Contractors supported the water bond that came out of last year’s historic legislative water package. As public agencies on the front-line providing water for our farms, families and businesses, we clearly understand the important investments that will be made possible with the passage of this water bond. Whether that measure is presented to voters in 2010 or 2012, the core components of this bond – drought relief, water supply reliability, Delta sustainability, statewide system operational improvements, conservation, water recycling, and watershed protection -- are critically needed.”

“Delaying the bond will not impact the important work of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which aims to develop and implement a comprehensive solution for the ailing Delta. Water districts stand ready to invest billions of their own ratepayer dollars toward conveyance improvements in the estuary that are coupled with restoration efforts. This planning process remains on track.”

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