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STATEMENT FROM LAURA KING MOON, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS, IN RESPONSE TO HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS ON STATE AND FEDERAL WATER EXPORTS

New restrictions on State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) water exports are set to begin tomorrow morning. The restrictions were triggered as a result of losing a small number of Delta smelt at the state and federal water facilities. The State Water Contractors have projected that the SWP and CVP will collectively lose more than 90,000 acre-feet of water during the next seven days as a result of these new cutbacks.

Sacramento, CA – “State and federal public water agencies are bracing to lose more than 29 billion gallons of water during the next seven days because of these additional restrictions. That is enough water to serve more than 700,000 people for one year. The pressure is on to move responsibly and quickly towards a long-term fix for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta because this is clearly not the right way to manage water supply for millions of people, businesses and farms. By working through the Bay Delta Conservation Plan process, we are aiming to put an end to the massive restrictions on our water supply while simultaneously protecting critical species in the Delta.”

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The State Water Contractors is a statewide, non-profit association of 27 public agencies from Northern, Central and Southern California that purchase water under contract from the California State Water Project. Collectively the State Water Contractors deliver water to more than 25 million residents throughout the state and more than 750,000 acres of agricultural lands. For more information on the State Water Contractors, please visit www.swc.org.