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STATE EXTENDS EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS

SWRCB to Revisit Restrictions at Rainy Season End

Los Angeles, CA - *The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has announced California's emergency drought regulations will stay in place until at least May, the end of the traditional winter season, to better assess statewide conditions and the possibility of lifting current restrictions.*

“For decades Southern Californians have subscribed to water conscientious living and reliability investments due to the arid unpredictability of our region. Even with the wet winter season we’ve had so far, we can’t be sure what’s around the bend. Continuing conservation and water use efficiency as a way of life is a judicious step at this point. However, it is important the State Water Resources Control Board take into account our state’s regional differences when revisiting statewide conditions following the rainy season – especially when it comes to water agencies meeting objectives via individualized plans.

This year is a good example of why the state needs to both employ additional long term efficiencies and conservation as a way of life along with fixing the state’s water delivery system so it can take advantage of wet years to plan for dry.”

Charles Wilson

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