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New Analysis Shows Benefits of CA WaterFix to Urban, Agricultural Stakeholders

Los Angeles, CA — Today, the California Department of Water Resources released an <u>Economic Analysis of the California WaterFix: Benefits and Costs to Project Participants</u>, detailing the value of the CA WaterFix project to both urban and agricultural contractors who will benefit from investing in the modernization and upgrade of the state's primary water delivery system.

"The results of this study reaffirm what we have known for more than a decade: California must invest in our state's water infrastructure, and California WaterFix is the best and most affordable solution. No matter how you crunch the numbers, the benefits of California WaterFix outweigh the costs for both urban and agricultural project participants. The data also show the project will offset the impacts of climate change — so that's even more evidence that California WaterFix will provide a reliable and secure water supply for generations to come."

Charles Wilson
Executive Director
Southern California Water Coalition

Charles Wilson is available to speak to media as a California water infrastructure expert in support of the California WaterFix project.

Key Findings

• In every scenario analyzed, WaterFix's benefits are greater than the costs to SWP urban and agricultural agencies—with or without Central Valley Project (CVP) participation.

	SWP Urban	SWP Ag	CVP
Benefits	\$13,275,882,162	\$2,405,260,992	\$3,367,416,939
Costs Ratio	\$10,164,260,463 1.31	\$2,005,809,457 1.20	\$2,618,411,930 1.29

- The cost of WaterFix to urban agencies is significantly less than alternative water supplies such as desalination or recycling.
- WaterFix helps offset the impacts of climate change by reducing the effects of sea level rise on Delta exports, resulting in a benefit of several billion dollars.

Learn more about the California WaterFix project and what it means for Southern Californians at www.socalwater.org/waternext.

Established in 1984, the Southern California Water Coalition is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, public education partnership dedicated to informing Southern Californians about our water needs and our state's water resources. Spanning Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Imperial, Riverside, Ventura and Kern counties, the SCWC's members include representatives from business, government, agriculture, water agencies, labor and the general public. Visit us at www.socalwater.org and find us on Facebook.