



CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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January 31, 2017

Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Calaveras County Water District, which supplies water to about 21,000 people in Calaveras County. Our agency is in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains east of Sacramento and serves the communities of Copperopolis, Valley Springs, Rancho Calaveras, Wallace, West Point, Wilseyville, Sheep Ranch, Dorrington, Arnold and Avery.

We serve our customers using water supplied by the Stanislaus, Calaveras and Mokelumne river systems, which are fed by rain and snowfall in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. These rivers feed into several major reservoirs that provide our water supply, including New Spicer Meadow and New Hogan reservoirs. This year, we have had 210 percent of average precipitation in our region. We have enough water on hand from our combined sources to provide water to our customers this year, and for several years to come, even if those years are dry. Our ample precipitation and supply conditions are not unique, but rather indicative of a wider statewide pattern.

On January 30, the North Pacific Precipitation, 8-Station index showed the Sacramento watershed to be already above the average for the entire year and higher than the wettest year on record for that watershed (1982-83). The San Joaquin Precipitation, 5-Station Index for the same date showed the San Joaquin watershed to already be above average for the entire year and higher than the wettest year on record for that watershed (1982-83). The Tulare Basin Precipitation, 6-Station Index also for the same date showed that watershed to be above average for the entire year and higher than the wettest year on record for that watershed (1968-1969).

There can be no doubt in a conclusion that the emergency drought conditions that plagued California for the past four years no longer exist. Indeed, Calaveras County is one of 50 counties throughout the State that have declared local flood emergencies. The evidence is clear – the drought emergency is now over. We urge you to rescind your emergency proclamation of drought conditions as most recently memorialized in Executive Order B-37-16 on the basis of the substantial improvements of precipitation as well as reservoir storage throughout the State.

Sincerely,

Calaveras County Water District

A blue ink signature of Dave Eggerton, General Manager of Calaveras County Water District.

Dave Eggerton, General Manager