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Reclamation further increases Central Valley Project water supply allocations for south-of-Delta contractors

Increase will provide additional water for agriculture, water users, and communities, while improving affordability in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Bureau of Reclamation is increasing Central Valley Project 2026 water supply allocations for south-of-Delta contractors, reflecting better than expected water supply conditions in the off-stream reservoir south-of-Delta.

"This additional water will help meet the needs of farms and communities across California," said **Acting Regional Director Adam Nickels**. "Through continued collaboration with our water users and stakeholders, Reclamation is working to improve water supply reliability and make the most of available water supplies."

This update highlights Reclamation's ongoing commitment to improve water supply reliability, enhance system resilience, and reduce regulatory delays, consistent with the directives outlined in President Trump's Executive Order 14181. Reclamation continues to make improvements to forecasting to provide reliable water while meeting the many demands on the system.

This allocation is made available from water supplies already south of the Delta and will not change Delta operations. Reclamation will continue to monitor hydrologic conditions and operate the Central Valley Project to make the most efficient use of available water supplies.

Based on current hydrology and updated forecasts, Reclamation is announcing the following changes to CVP water supply allocations:

South-of-Delta Contractors

- Irrigation water service and repayment contractors south-of-Delta are increased from 28% to 31% of their contract total.

All other allocation amounts announced May 19 remain unchanged.

Reclamation manages the Central Valley Project, one of the nation's largest water storage and delivery systems, providing water to farms, cities, wildlife refuges, and other beneficial uses throughout California.

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Water supply updates are available on Reclamation's California-Great Basin Region website.

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