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San Juan Water District Declares End of Drought Conditions Calls on Governor to Rescind Emergency Declaration

Granite Bay, Calif. – On Wednesday, March 8, the San Juan Water District Board of Directors approved a resolution declaring that drought conditions no longer exist in the District’s service area. The District also changed its drought stage to Stage 1 returning to normal operations.

“With wetter than normal conditions in the Sacramento Valley beginning in 2016, the State was no longer experiencing a statewide drought emergency,” said San Juan Water District Board President Ken Miller. “Our customers did a fantastic job of reducing their water use when the drought threatened our supplies in 2014 and into 2015. With California in the midst of its wettest water year in 122 years, we are now returning to normal operations.”

The District transmitted its resolution along with a cover letter to Governor Jerry Brown calling on him to rescind his declaration of a statewide drought emergency, which he first issued in 2014 and most recently revised in May of 2016. Water supply conditions improved markedly in 2016, with over 80 percent of California’s urban water supply agencies, including San Juan, certifying their water supplies were adequate to meet demand through 2019 – *even given the assumption of three additional years of drought.*

San Juan provides potable water supplies to over 265,000 customers in eastern Sacramento and western Placer Counties, using water from the American River delivered via Folsom Reservoir. Folsom Reservoir filled completely in 2016 and has filled to well above average levels multiple times this winter. The reservoir is currently at maximum allowable flood control storage level.

“In the Sacramento Valley, Shasta, Trinity and Oroville Reservoirs are all above normal storage levels for this time of year with flood control releases currently underway in the Valley,” added San Juan General Manager Paul Helliker. “Precipitation is currently running 213 percent of normal in the Sacramento Valley. Our snowpack is at 180 percent of average statewide and 168 percent of the April 1 average. With this amount of water, it’s time to lift the statewide drought emergency declaration.”

Under Stage 1, San Juan continues the standard prohibitions against wasteful use of water such as runoff from customer properties and requirements for auto-shutoff nozzles on hoses and other efficient water use measures. This stage does not set any conservation target level.

Customers are encouraged to visit www.sjwd.org for more information.

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[San Juan Water District](#) provides reliable, high-quality water service to approximately 265,000 retail and wholesale customers in eastern Sacramento and southern Placer Counties. In addition to serving its own retail customers, San Juan delivers wholesale water supplies to Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks water districts, Orange Vale Water Company, the City of Folsom (for customers north of the American River), and periodically to Sacramento Suburban Water District.