

California Urban Water Agencies releases white paper on the future reliability of California's urban water supplies

Sept. 18, 2012, WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — The California Urban Water Agencies has released a Water Supply Reliability Report that addresses the future reliability of California's urban water supplies.

In the report, CUWA agencies demonstrate progress toward 20 x 2020 goals and plans to meet 2030 water demands through continued diversification of their supply portfolios. The report also highlights accomplishments from more than \$20 billion of CUWA agency investments in water supply reliability programs and projects over the last 20 years.

For this white paper, CUWA agencies compiled data from their 2010 Urban Water Management Plans to better understand combined water management strategies, urban per capita water use trends, future water supply development plans and the continued role of imported water sources. These UWMPs demonstrate recent progress and highlight ongoing activities to diversify water portfolios for current and future sustainability in the face of uncertainties like climate change.

“It's clear that CUWA agencies are taking leadership roles in the important areas of water conservation, supply diversification and infrastructure improvements,” CUWA Executive Director Cindy Paulson said. “They are maximizing development of cost-effective local supplies, reducing reliance on additional imported water supplies, and working to ensure that existing imported supplies are secure and reliable for the 24 million people served by the CUWA agencies.”

A preview of the report was presented in spring 2012 to the Assembly Select Committee on Regional Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis. Numerous other presentations are in process for 2013, including to DWR's Statewide Integrated Water Management Department,

the California Water Plan Public Advisory Committee, and others.

The report can be accessed on CUWA's website at:

http://www.cuwa.org/pubs/CUWA_WaterSupplyReliability.pdf

About CUWA

Established in 1990, the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) is a nonprofit corporation of 10 major urban water agencies that are responsible for about two-thirds of California's drinking water supply. As the collective voice for the largest urban water purveyors in California, CUWA provides technical perspective to promote common understanding and consensus solutions among the urban water community. CUWA member agencies include Alameda County Water District, City of San Diego, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Diego County Water Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and Zone 7 Water Agency. For more information about CUWA, visit: <http://www.cuwa.org/>. To access CUWA's 2012 Annual Report, visit: http://www.cuwa.org/pubs/CUWA2012_AnnualReport.pdf

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