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VIGILANCE NECESSARY DESPITE ABOVE AVERAGE RESULTS OF YEAR’S SECOND SNOW SURVEY
Drought Not Over Statewide, Need for Long-term Approach Remains

Los Angeles, CA – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today conducted its second manual snow survey of 2017, which found Sierra Nevada snowpack levels to be 153 percent of average for this time of year. These above average findings following the first months of Water Year 2017 are in part a result of atmospheric river storms.

“Although we welcome the rain and snow from recent storms that has increased Sierra Nevada snowpack levels to above average, the impact is surface level – our underground water storage is still depleted after years of drought. We must remember the importance of a long-term statewide solution – it’s critical that California continue conserving, improve its ability to capture water and install a modern, flexible system that allows us to move and store water when it’s available.”

Charles Wilson
Executive Director
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