



# SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS

ACT NOW TO SECURE CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE.



## ADDRESSING CALIFORNIA'S WATER SUPPLY CRISIS

### MAJOR CHANGES NEED TO BE ENACTED TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY

California faces a major challenge, climate change has severely impacted the ability of our water system to meet the current and future needs of the State, while California has failed to upgrade the system to increase the amount of water available and ensure the ability to move water to where it is needed. Conservation and modest system improvements will not be enough, bold changes are necessary and must be acted on immediately to avoid more statewide rationing and economic disruptions.

**According to a recent PPIC poll, "drought remains the dominant environmental issue for Californians." Just as important, a majority of Californians, nearly 70 percent "don't feel that government is doing enough to combat the drought." (Jul, 2022)**



## THE STATE MUST ACT NOW

For decades, the State has been proposing and planning, it is now time to make the big investments on four generational solutions:

### MORE STORAGE

Storage is essential to collect water when it is available and provide that water when it is needed, including surface and groundwater storage. In addition to improving existing storage, new storage will help California adapt to more extreme weather patterns and the uncertainty of climate change. California can no longer rely on the winter snowpack to provide a reliable source of water throughout the year. We need to store water when we have precipitation and deliver that water for environmental, residential, business, and agricultural use when needed.

### IMPROVED CONVEYANCE

The State needs to modernize the system for moving water. The federal and state water projects need improved infrastructure that is not constrained by physical limitations. California has invested in improvements for highways, bridges, airports and other critical parts of the state's infrastructure, the state needs to rehabilitate and expand the water delivery system to improve the infrastructure that moves water throughout the state.

### REGULATORY CERTAINTY

The operations of California's water system also need to be improved to provide more flexibility for environmental and water supply purposes and more regulatory certainty for water agencies and their customers. The operational inefficiencies have resulted in curtailed water deliveries and resulted in rate increases for residential and business users. Flexibility will allow water agencies to better manage the costs of upgrading local water systems, expanded water use efficiency programs, and additional water supply needs.

### NEW SUPPLY

To achieve the 17 million acre-feet of water supply needed to make up for loss of snowpack, the State must also invest and prioritize new water supply including recycling and desalination.



**California must address the perpetual water supply crisis that grows worse every year. The time to act is now. We need to reverse the trend of water cutbacks and rationing and rectify the decades-long, statewide water supply crisis that is impacting 40 million Californians.**

