

CUWA Supports Governor Newsom's Commitment to Accelerating Reliable Water Infrastructure

WALNUT CREEK, Calif., May 31, 2023 — California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) supports the Governor's [executive order](#) to accelerate building reliable water infrastructure and are reviewing the associated legislative proposals. We commend this administration's unprecedented efforts and timely prioritization of critical investments over the next decade.

"The Governor's direction will strengthen California communities, advance climate goals, increase equitable water access, and significantly bolster job creation," said Wendy Broley, Executive Director of CUWA. "This aligns with CUWA's mission to deliver safe and accessible drinking water to Californians while protecting the environment and presents opportunities for continued state and local agency collaboration."

CUWA represents two-thirds of California's population through a coalition of 11 major water agencies who provide urban water services and environmental protection for thriving California communities. Collectively, CUWA agencies are developing projects that will contribute more than 60 percent of the new water supply envisioned in [California's Water Supply Strategy](#). CUWA agencies are also leading or participating in three of the storage projects supported by Proposition 1, making up more than half of the State's goal and producing significant environmental benefits.

In line with the Governor's call to action, CUWA can bring consensus-driven input representative of our diverse communities, timely and relevant data, resources and more to support:

- **Enhanced Project Delivery.** CUWA can help engage diverse perspectives, interests, and stakeholders to examine opportunities for improved permitting efficiencies and apply innovative delivery approaches without compromising the environment.
- **Funding Approaches.** Working together to maximize federal funding and identify creative financing approaches will help to improve affordability and address water accessibility issues statewide, including in disadvantaged communities.
- **Workforce Development.** CUWA can bring proven solutions that support clean infrastructure job opportunities and a robust and diverse talent pool to realize economic benefit in the water sector.

We believe a continued strong partnership between the state and local water agencies is critical to achieving the Governor's executive order. CUWA is committed to partnering with the state in this era of clean infrastructure advancement for thriving California communities.

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About CUWA

Established in 1990, the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) is a nonprofit corporation of 11 major urban water agencies that are responsible for delivering drinking water to about two-thirds of California's population. 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 agencies include Alameda County Water District, City of Fresno, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Diego County Water Authority, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Valley Water, and Zone 7 Water Agency. For more information, visit www.cuwa.org

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