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Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District, the water supply provider for over 150,000 residents of Sacramento and Placer Counties. We serve four wholesale customer agencies – the City of Folsom, the Citrus Heights Water District, the Fair Oaks Water District and the Orangevale Water Company.

Our water supply comes from the American River via Folsom Reservoir. This reservoir filled completely last year and has filled to well above average levels multiple times this winter. Precipitation in the Sacramento Valley was 125% of average in water year 2015-16, and so far this water year, is 164% of average.

Also in the Sacramento Valley, Shasta, Trinity and Oroville Reservoirs are all above normal storage levels for this time of year, and flood control releases are currently underway throughout the Valley. This water year is the wettest on record, with precipitation currently running 219% of normal in the Sacramento Valley, and snowpack at 185% of average statewide, and 163% of the April 1 average. Precipitation levels are greater than average in Central and Southern California, as well.

With the wetter than normal conditions in the Sacramento Valley beginning in 2015, the State was no longer experiencing a statewide drought emergency. This was confirmed by the "stress test" results in 2016 – more than 80% of the State's urban water suppliers determined that their water supplies were adequate to meet demand through 2019 – *even given the assumption of three additional years of drought*. These conditions have improved even further this year, as drought conditions no longer exist in any part of the state. In fact, many rivers in the State are now in flood condition.

For the past two years, we have repeatedly presented information to the State Water Resources Control Board and other agencies in your Administration that shows that Northern California has not been experiencing a drought. Attached is a resolution from the San Juan Water District Board of Directors stating that our service area is no longer experiencing drought conditions. We now call on you to rescind your emergency proclamation of drought conditions, contained most recently in Executive Order B-37-16, in recognition of the extremely wet conditions statewide that California is experiencing this water year.

Sincerely,


Kenneth Miller
President