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ACWA Statement Regarding Court Ruling on Salmon, Water Project Operations

Decision Reinforces Urgent Need to Address Environment, Water System

Sacramento — Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Executive Director Timothy Quinn released the following statement regarding today's court ruling on operation of the state and federal water projects and impacts on salmon and steelhead.

“Though it's too early to say how the ruling will affect water project operations this year, it's safe to say this is one more factor that will add to the management challenge of operating our water system to adequately protect fish and meet our water supply needs.

“When you factor in existing constraints on water supply operations in the Delta and now the possible addition of new constraints on storage above the Delta, it underscores the need for a comprehensive solution that can meet the co-equal needs of the environment and the economy. Both are losing now.

“We have to invest in a system that can accomplish both objectives.”

ACWA is a statewide association of public agencies whose 450 members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California. For more information, visit www.acwa.com.

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