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Local Investments Essential to Water Supply Reliability

Los Angeles, CA – Gov. Jerry Brown today joined Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez to introduce a bill to help alleviate the growing impacts of drought in California. By expediting the availability of roughly \$680-million of existing funds for water supply projects throughout the state, California will be able to better manage what stands to be a long-term drought.

The following is a statement from California Water Foundation’s executive director, Lester Snow:

“Fast tracking funding for local water supply projects is one of the few things we can do to mitigate the impacts of drought in California. Local water agencies and communities throughout the state are eager to advance innovative projects that will help stretch water supplies further—this funding will help make those projects a reality.

“Water recycling, stormwater capture, conservation programs, groundwater clean-up and other efforts are essential to ensuring Californians have stable water supplies. Making funds available to ensure the expedient completion of those projects is the prudent action to take as we face unprecedented drought conditions.”

Lester Snow serves as the executive director of the California Water Foundation. Previously, Snow was the Director of the California Department of Water Resources and Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency.

About California Water Foundation

The California Water Foundation (CWF) seeks to transition California to a sustainable and resilient water future – a future in which water is managed as a natural resource, looking across all sources and uses to find the best solutions for social welfare, economic development, and environmental sustainability. CWF supports innovative projects and policies that address water challenges today, while achieving long-term, science-based solutions for the future. CWF is an initiative of Resources

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