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As general managers of water agencies from across the State, we are writing to congratulate you on becoming one of the newest members of the California State Legislature. We are looking forward to working with you to help solve the critical issues surrounding California's ongoing and serious water supply crisis.

As you begin to develop your 2023 legislative priorities, we strongly urge you to put the water supply crisis at the top of your list of key issues to address immediately. While the issues in Sacramento are many, we strongly urge you to discuss and consider this water supply crisis and the potential solutions with your local water agencies to understand risks to your district, the economy, and the State.

In addition to the impact on your constituents, the water supply crisis will impact all sectors of the economy – agriculture, homebuilding, manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, and technology. According to a new report released by [UC Merced](#), “direct economic impacts on farm activity alone will reach \$1.2 billion this year, up from \$810 million in 2021” with job losses in the agriculture industry reaching nearly 20,000 jobs.

This is an unprecedented time with changing and worsening climate conditions. Californians cannot wait any longer. The State needs to take extraordinary and immediate action by creating regulatory certainty and making substantial investments in generational solutions such as more

storage, improved conveyance, and developing new water supplies. While continuous improvement in water use efficiency remains an important tool, California simply cannot rely on conservation as a way out of this crisis.

We applauded Governor Newsom's announcement of California's new [water supply strategy](#) as a step in the right direction. The State's strategy prioritizes water use efficiency, recycling, reuse, and desalination – all strategies that water agencies are pursuing and implementing. While these efforts will help California adapt to the current drought conditions, climate change and the loss of the snowpack, effectively our largest reservoir, will leave California with a shortfall of 10 million acre-feet in the not-too-distant future, which is more water than is annually used by all residents, businesses, and commercial customers in the entire state. Consequently, comprehensive legislation and substantial, ongoing budget commitments to secure California's water future are imperative to maintain the economy, environment, and the health and safety of our communities.

As members of [Solve the Water Crisis](#), a statewide education coalition, we are working to increase awareness of California's water supply crisis. We are partnering with water agencies, business organizations, community groups, and local elected officials to inform the public about the crisis. Our network of interested and concerned parties continues to grow and now includes every region in the State.

Thank you for taking the time to review the enclosed materials and prioritizing California's water supply crisis. We will be contacting your office to schedule a meeting to discuss the water crisis impact on your district and look forward to a collaborative and constructive discussion as we head into 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Camrosa Water District

City of Corona

Coachella Valley Water District

East Valley Water District

El Dorado County Water Agency

Eastern Municipal Water District

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Irvine Ranch Water District

Jurupa Community Services District

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Mesa Water District

Municipal Water District of Orange County

Olivenhain Water District

Puente Basin Water Agency

Rancho California Water District

Riverside Public Utilities

Rubidoux Community Services District

San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

San Juan Water District

Temescal Valley Water District

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Turlock Irrigation District

Valley Center Municipal Water District

Western Municipal Water District