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**Eight Sacramento-Area Water Providers Voice Concern Over Senate Bill 68
 Group Urges Governor & Local Legislators to Reconsider Bill's Impacts on Northern California Water Users**

Granite Bay, Calif. – Eight water providers north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) are working together to protect the water rights of more than 750,000 Northern California customers. The region's long-standing water rights could be in jeopardy should the California legislators pass Senate Bill 68, the state's proposed fix for the Delta.

"We feel that the September 11, 2009 version of Senate Bill 68 contains many sections that could result in our region being commanded to reduce our water use to allow Southern California to have more water," said San Juan General Manager Shauna Lorance. "We recognize that the Delta requires attention and we support a comprehensive solution to Delta problems, but not at the expense of Northern California water users"

As written, Senate Bill 68 could:

- Impose a "one size fits all" 20 percent water-use reduction in the Sacramento region;
- Penalize property owners with large lots and those who have practiced water conservation behaviors;
- Require water releases from reservoirs that will reduce our water supply reliability;
- Require local residents to significantly reduce water use; and
- Reduce the importance of long-established water rights.

As written, Senate Bill 68 would require major changes in the way water providers do business, which could result in less water for Northern California customers at an increased rate. The eight water providers are working collectively to urge the Governor and local legislators to preserve the Sacramento region's ability to use its water to meet local needs.

In a formal letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senators Darrell Steinberg and Dennis Hollingworth, and Assemblymembers Karen Bass and Sam Blackeslee, the group outlined solutions and recommendations to protecting agencies' long-standing water rights. The letter in its entirety is attached.

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The eight water providers include:

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| • Citrus Heights Water District | • Placer County Water Agency |
| • Fair Oaks Water District | • City of Roseville |
| • City of Folsom | • Sacramento Suburban Water District |
| • Orange Vale Water Company | • San Juan Water District |