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Sierra Club Praises Governor for Drought Emergency Declaration

Sacramento—Today Governor Brown officially declared a drought state of emergency in California.

Statement from Kathryn Phillips, director, Sierra Club California:

“We commend Governor Brown for declaring a drought emergency in California that will help alert Californians to all the things we all can and must do to conserve and responsibly manage our water use.

“There are actions we can all take to help make sure nobody—from wildlife to humans—suffers from this drought. Many of those things will be helped along by some of the governor’s recent budget proposal and its emphasis on funding efforts to advance efficiency, conservation, recycling, better groundwater management, and overall better regional management of water.

“On an individual level, we can all help the situation through simple actions that range from dramatically cutting our outdoor landscape watering to remembering to turn off the tap when we brush our teeth.

“We’re relying on the water agencies and state agencies to responsibly apply the elements in the declaration and ensure that environmental protections remain intact and that increased water conservation is part of the program.

“The drought is a problem that affects everyone and everything in California. If we pull together, we’ll be able to weather it and a result will be a more sustainable water system for the long term.”

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