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## **CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER ALLIANCE RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S WATER RESILIENCE PORTFOLIO**

**July 29, 2020 (Sacramento, CA)** – Following Governor Newsom's 2019 Executive Order (N-10-19) directing state agencies to develop a water resilience portfolio, California has issued its final Water Resilience Portfolio based on seven principles to "meet California's water needs through the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

The final Water Resilience Portfolio includes notable changes from the draft released in January, which include but are not limited to the omission of a potential climate resilience bond and a new emphasis on forest health and restoration to protect California's water system.

Sean Bothwell, Executive Director of the California Coastkeeper Alliance (CCKA), responds to the release of this final Portfolio:

"We're pleased to see the release of this final Water Resilience Portfolio, and to see the Newsom Administration affirm its commitment to a secure water future, especially during these challenging times posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the overarching goal of this Water Resilience Portfolio to secure a resilient water future for our coming generations and environment, there is much more that California can – and should do – to improve how water is used and managed to ensure water is accessible for every California household and ecosystem.

Securing low-income water rate assistance for those in need, among other financing solutions, is one critical and much-needed step to ensure those most vulnerable have continued access to safe, affordable water. Meanwhile, the state can – and should – take proactive steps to advance water recycling and stormwater capture to increase resilient, local water supplies and reduce our overall reliance on expensive, imported water that is diverted from our rivers and streams.

Fortunately, California has made some important progress in these areas in recent years with the state creating new laws to scale up rainwater projects, recycling, and water efficiency. We're committed to seeing the state take further, more ambitious steps to secure affordable water supplies, such as water recycling and stormwater capture, that benefit California families and our environment."

### **ABOUT CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER ALLIANCE**

California Coastkeeper Alliance is a statewide voice for our waters. With the federal administration working against our environmental laws, CCKA defends and expands California's protective legislation and strengthens the function of our State Water Board. We represent local Waterkeepers, empower communities towards a #TrashFree2030, and advocate with companies through the Blue Business Council. Together, we fight for swimmable, fishable, and drinkable waters for Californians today – and for future generations. California Coastkeeper Alliance is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit [cacoastkeeper.org](http://cacoastkeeper.org) and follow us on Twitter [@CA\\_Waterkeepers](https://twitter.com/CA_Waterkeepers).