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## **Secretary for Natural Resources Statement on Snow Survey and Rainfall Predictions**

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency John Laird issued the following statement on California’s record setting lack of rain and snowfall:

“With a record dry January and February raising fears of another drought unless conditions improve and with California’s mountain snowpack holding far less water than normal for this time of year, we are urgently reminded once again that we all must focus on conserving water in our everyday activities. We all can cut back on such things as lawn watering, make sure we fix leaky faucets, shorten our showers, and take other common sense steps to conserve one of our most vital resources– the water that we too often take for granted.

“As we start to see more extreme weather events – including floods and droughts – along with California’s vulnerability to seismic hazards, it drives home the need for water reliability and security. Our current Delta-based system is vulnerable without improvements. This is why it is vital that we on the state level continue to act by moving ahead with Governor Brown’s water plan to make our water supply reliable and restore our damaged environment. Engineers and scientists tell us that having the Governor’s plan in place would help us store more water in wet years for dry years like this. That helps people and the environment.”

*For practical tips on how to save water, visit <http://www.saveourh2o.org>.*

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