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DATE: December 18, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item #24, January 28-29, 2012 Board Meeting**
Water Supply Planning - Statewide Drought Update and Response

Staff Recommendation: *This is an informational item only. No Board action is required.*

Background:

For the past year much of the state has been experience below normal precipitation levels, with some portions of the state enduring drought since early 2011. As a result the State Drought Response and Mitigation Plan remains activated.

Staff will present the latest information on drought conditions. Data on snowpack, reservoir levels, streamflows, potential response actions, and related topics will be discussed.

Staff will also present actions that the impact task forces will take over the coming months to ensure that the state is prepared to address drought conditions should they persist or worsen.