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## Friant Water Authority CEO Statement on the Updated Friant Division Water Allocation

Upon today's announcement by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation of an increase to the Friant Division Class 1 water allocation from 65% to 95%, Jason Phillips, CEO of the Friant Water Authority, issued the following statement:

*"Quickly reacting to the ever-changing hydrologic conditions is one of the most important actions that our partners at the Bureau of Reclamation can take to ensure the communities and farms on the eastside can survive another year. The decision today will help to avoid unnecessarily losing water as Millerton Reservoir continues to quickly fill as snow turns to water and will take some pressure off an already over drafted groundwater aquifer. On behalf of the Friant Division, we thank the Bureau for today's welcomed update."*

The Friant Division has two water contract types that reflect its purpose and design as a conjunctive water management project that encourages contractors to store water underground in wet years for use in drier years.

- Class 1 water is the first 800,000 acre-feet of water captured in Millerton Lake under long term contracts. Class 1 contractors are usually cities or districts without access to groundwater supplies.
- Class 2 water is the next 1.4 million acre-feet of water captured in Millerton Lake under long term contracts. Class 2 contractors use much of this for irrigation and groundwater recharge.

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