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On February 6, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced that \$50 million allocated by Congress for Western drought relief will be used by the Bureau of Reclamation, water districts, and other water users to increase efficiency and conserve water in drought-stricken areas. The California Central Valley Project will receive \$20 million, which will help with scientific monitoring and managing limited water supplies. Colorado will receive aid for the Colorado River system and declining Lake Mead. The funds will also support drought response and comprehensive drought plans and WaterSMART's reclamation and reuse work with farmers and municipalities in conserving water.

Sources: Department of the Interior, E&E News

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