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California Snowpack Survey

Audio with California Department of Water Resources' Frank Gehrke (Ger-key), California Department of Water Resources Director Grant Davis

The first snowpack survey in California reveals very little snow. California cities and farmers depend greatly on snow melt in the spring to fill reservoirs.

California Department of Water Resources' Frank Gehrke (Ger-key) talks about the state's water situation from the survey site, near Lake Tahoe in Northern California...tape

Cut #1 :44 OC:..."coming to California."

Gehrke says it's still too early to know exactly how the season will play out... tape

Cut #2 :28 OC:..."

California Man Arrested in Fraudulent Cattle Buying Scheme

A California man was arrested in Texas last month after being suspected of investment fraud, embezzlement and cattle theft. Drovers Cattle Network reports Justin Tyler Greer, 36, is suspected of defrauding seven victims out of \$1.5 million. The investigation began in June 2017 when the victims claimed to be coming up hundreds of head short. Investigators say cattle owned by investors were illegally sold and moved to Colorado and Wyoming. A California law enforcement official called the scheme "21st Century cattle rustling and embezzlement at the highest level." Greer managed cattle owned by ranchers in California, Wyoming and Colorado, and

allegedly failed to meet financial obligations in April and May, raising flags for his customers. The U.S. Forest Service is also investigating the case of the cattle in Wyoming in a parallel criminal investigation because cattle were being grazed without the proper permits.