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## **CAPS ISSUES RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSALS**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) was disappointed to learn that Governor Schwarzenegger's 2010-11 budget includes continued deep cuts to state scientists and the important work they do for the people of California.

"Most of the work of our scientists is paid for through special funds dedicated to protecting public health and the environment," said CAPS President Patty Velez. "Making cuts there does nothing to help the fiscal emergency in the general fund."

CAPS believes the Governor's proposal of unilateral pay and benefit cuts goes against established state bargaining laws.

"We understand that the Governor has to make tough choices with the budget," said CAPS Staff Director Chris Voight. "But we're asking him to bring his proposals to the bargaining table where they belong so we can all work together to save California's economy."

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### **About CAPS**

*CAPS represents nearly 3,000 state employed scientists working in over 30 state departments in 230 scientific classifications. CAPS members protect the public from life threatening diseases, safe guard our wildlife and abundant natural and cultural resources, and protect our air and water from toxic waste and pollution.*

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