



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Thursday, October 25, 2007

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11:00 a.m. – Watermaster Board Meeting

(Lunch will be served)

AT THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER OFFICES

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A. MINUTES

1. Advisory Committee Meeting – September 27, 2007



Draft Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 27, 2007

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga CA, on September 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Appropriative Pool

Ken Jeske, Chair	City of Ontario
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Robert Young	Fontana Union Water Company
Mike McGraw	Fontana Water Company
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Anthony La	City of Upland
Bill Kruger	City of Chino Hills
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga Valley Water District
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Charles Moorrees	San Antonio Water Company

Non-Agricultural Pool

Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
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Agricultural Pool

Bob Feenstra	Ag Pool, Dairy
Jeff Pierson	Ag Pool, Crops

Watermaster Board Members Present

Sandra Rose	Monte Vista Water District
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Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Robert Tock	Jurupa Community Services District
Bob Lemons	RBF Consulting
Steve Orr	City of Upland
Marty Zvirbulis	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Richard Rees	CIM/DOS
Rosemary Hoerning	City of Upland
Ron Craig	RBF Consulting

Steven G. Lee
Steve Kennedy
Rick Hansen

Ag Pool Legal Counsel
Brunick Battersby, McElhane & Beckett
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Chair Jeske called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

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Motion by DeLoach, second by Kinsey, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Items A through B, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Dr. SUNDING MICRO-ECONOMIC REPORT

Mr. Manning stated the Micro-Economic Report has been received from Dr. Sunding and includes the two benchmark runs which were discussed in the scoping meetings. There was a special Watermaster Board conference call meeting held recently and at that meeting the Board authorized Dr. Sunding to provide a third benchmark that would be an addendum to this report. This report is complete as it is now submitted to the Advisory Committee and going onto the Watermaster Board today. A brief discussion ensued with regard to this item Mr. Moorrees stated on behalf of San Antonio Water Company he wants to reserve the right to explore production based assessments.

Motion by Kinsey, second by DeLoach, and by unanimous vote

Moved to receive and file the Dr. Sunding Micro-Economic Report, as presented

B. ADOPT RESOLUTION 07-05 (PEACE II LEGAL DOCUMENTS)

Mr. Manning stated this is the item that has been worked on for several years now and is ready for its adoption. Staff is recommending this committee adopt Resolution 07-05 and move it on to the Watermaster Board for their approval and direct counsel to file it with the court. There is another follow up meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the Socio-Economic Report. Chair Jeske noted the three items which are still being discussed are related to desalters, recharge, and recycled water. A discussion ensued with regard to these three items. Chair Jeske stated the Resolution being presented today is to adopt and file it with the court and to also allow other items to be discussed. Counsel Fife stated the three areas and the negotiations that are going on tomorrow concerns Watermaster's obligations under exhibits H & I of the Judgment, with regard to assessments. These are not subject issues that are covered in these set of legal documents; it is a separate issues that we are discussing. We have committed to complete those discussions prior to court action on the Peace II documents. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the Peace II Legal Documents and a volume vote was asked to take place for the motion to adopt Resolution 07-05 and to direct legal counsel to file with the court.

Motion by DeLoach, second by McGraw, and by majority volume vote

Moved to adopt Resolution 07-05 and direct legal counsel to file with the court, as presented

C. 20-GALLON CHALLENGE

Mr. Manning stated the resolution being presented today is very similar to the resolution recently adopted by Inland Empire Utilities Agency. This type of resolution has also been approved by San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. This challenge is asking people within the Chino Basin to conserve water and will be putting Chino Basin Watermaster on record as supporting that voluntary water conservation effort.

Motion by McGraw, second by Moorrees, and by unanimous vote

Moved to adopt Resolution 07-05 encouraging residents and business to help drought-proof the Chino Basin by participating in the 20-Gallon Challenge for voluntary water conservation in the Chino Basin, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Court Approval re Subsidence Long Term Plan

Counsel Fife stated with regard to the approval of the Subsidence Long Term Plan, there is a hearing scheduled for November 15, 2007 and an MZ1 hearing scheduled with the Special Referee on October 3, 2007 here at the Chino Basin Watermaster office starting at 10:00 a.m.; a court reporter has been scheduled for this hearing.

Counsel Fife stated there is a hearing scheduled for September 14, 2007 regarding the City of Chino's motion against the City of Chino Hills. It is counsels' understanding that this hearing is going to be continued; there is a stipulation in circulation to that affect. It has been signed by the City of Chino and by Chino Basin Watermaster. This will be continued until a mid February time frame.

Counsel Fife stated the Chino Basin Watermaster, Wildermuth Environmental Inc., and Hatch and Parent were served with subpoenas from the City of Chino Hills regarding the relating documents concerning the MZ1 Long Term Plan. There is a letter on the back table in response to their subpoena. The letter indicates that staff and counsel find the subpoena objectionable on a number of grounds, not the least of which is that Chino Basin Watermaster is not subject to subpoenas being a court appointed entity; however, in the spirit of cooperation we did respond to the subpoena by which all three of the served parties reproduced their entire files relating to Management Zone 1; it was approximately 5 gigabytes and was produced electronically and they are receiving that information today.

B. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Status Report on Basin Modeling Work

It was noted this presentation will be given in its entirety at the Watermaster Board meeting today.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Water Activity Report Status

Ms. Rojo stated the Water Activity Reports have been sent out and we are anticipating receiving them back in a timely manner.

D. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated the Governor has called for a special session of the Legislature to deal with two issues; first is health care and the other is water. The democrats in Sacramento have made a measure for a new bond measure that would be on the February ballot. It is SB 378; the democrat's proposal is for a \$5 billion dollar bond and has a number of provisions in

provisions in it that is different from what the Governor's response is. The democrats have put an amendment to the SB 378 on the table and the Governor's proposal is for an \$8.3 billion dollar bond and there are differences in each amendment. Mr. Manning reviewed the differences between the two provisions in the amendments.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated Chino Basin Watermaster is still recharging the water that is made available to us which is all in the way of recycled water and some storm water; approximately 250 acre-feet. No recharge water is available from Metropolitan Water District.

E. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. Three-year Recycled Water Business Plan

Mr. Love stated that water supply issues are front page news because of drought conditions and the endangered species regulatory and litigious environment. As a result, IEUA priorities during the next fiscal year will be significantly affected by the potential reduction of MWD imported supplies to our service area. To compound the water problems during the past winter had the lowest annual rainfall total on record in southern California. Utilizing our MWD drought groundwater storage account, increasing recycled water use and additional conservation measures will be critical to assuring adequate supply to our 800,000 residents. Mr. Love reviewed the Planned Recycled Water Use chart in detail. Mr. Love stated the recycled water three year business plan will focus on rapidly and cost effectively increasing the current amount of recycled water with a structured business plan. The plan will have annual usage goals, metrics, and requirements for monthly progress reports. The plan will be revised and updated annually. Mr. Love reviewed the goals, background and status, supply and demand, and the three year plan. Several maps were reviewed and discussed in detail.

2. Drought Planning Update

Mr. Atwater stated IEUA will hold a board of directors' workshop on October 2, 2007 on drought planning. The purpose of this workshop will be to develop a drought allocation plan for IEUA retail agencies, to coordinate with MWD and other member agencies, to administer MWD Dry Year Yield implementation, to coordinate with Chino Basin Watermaster, and to implement a water conservation action plan and a recycled business plan. Mr. Atwater noted all parties are welcome to attend the workshop.

3. Proposed Landscape Rebate Programs

Mr. Atwater discussed the Pervious Concrete Rebate Program which is a pilot incentive rebate program and the Synthetic Turf Rebate Program that IEUA is currently working on.

4. Monthly Water Conservation Programs

No comment was made regarding this item.

5. Monthly Imported Water Deliveries Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

6. State and Federal Legislative Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

7. Community Outreach/Public Relations Report

No comment was made regarding this item.

F. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Hansen stated Metropolitan Water District is preparing for a \$60 per acre-feet increase for the next three years. Mr. Hansen stated this winter MWD will be shutting down the Rialto Feeder and dropping the isolation valves.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

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October 1, 2007	5:00 p.m.	Kick off Reception for Strategic Conference
October 2, 2007	7:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Follow Up Conference
October 3, 2007	10:00 a.m.	MZ1 Workshop w/ Special Referee
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The Advisory Committee meeting was dismissed by Chair Jeske at 10:25 a.m.

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Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario

The Watermaster Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Willis at 11:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

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Motion by Bowman, second by Rose, and by unanimous vote

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Motion by Catlin, second by Rose, and by unanimous vote

Moved to receive and file the Dr. Sunding Micro-Economic Report, as presented

B. ADOPT RESOLUTION 07-05 (PEACE II LEGAL DOCUMENTS)

Mr. Manning stated Watermaster staff and counsel have a recommendation for the Board which is included in the meeting packet. Staff is asking the Board to adopt Resolution 07-05 which is the document that then adds the other documents on as exhibits. Mr. Manning stated at the Advisory Committee meeting this morning there was a volume vote taken for this item and there was a 76% vote to forward this item onto the Watermaster Board with approval; it was not the 80% which provides a mandate. Counsel Slater stated the documents before you are documents that have been previously distributed to the Board and have been part of the stakeholder review process. Counsel Slater commented on the recent special conference call held by the Watermaster Board and noted that conference call resulted in additional funds being provided to Dr. Sunding. The call also identified three material subjects that the parties wanted to discuss before the time came for the parties to respond to Watermaster's pleadings at the court at the end of November. There were specific concerns related to the areas of recharge, recycled water, and desalted water with regard to costs in relation to the Peace II measures. There is linkage between the Dr. Sunding Report and those issues; however, they are separate issues. Counsel Slater stated it is staff and counsels understanding that it was the unanimous feel of all parties who participated in the Socio-Economic process, that the Peace II documents would not be held hostage to that process going forward. There would be opportunity to discuss those three areas while getting ready for the court process. Counsel Slater stated we are proceeding in accordance with this Board's earlier direction. Being presented today is a resolution, in form, for adoption and ultimate filing with the court after final review for any typographical or grammatical errors. Counsel Slater stated staff and counsel are going to continue to meet with the parties with regard to the Socio-Economic process and we are going to be developing a pleading. The importance of

to be developing a pleading. The importance of a pleading is that the pleading will come back to this Board. A discussion ensued with regard to this item. Ms. Rose commented on what took place at the Advisory Committee meeting this morning and stated she felt it was a good idea that this Board did not take action on this item today and use the time to further review the process. Counsel Slater offered comment regarding Ms. Roses' comment and reviewed the short timeline for the November court date. Mr. Manning stated it is staffs recommendation to move this forward today and noted that any party is not precluded in having an impact on the final documents. A process has been outlined by all the parties and an anticipation to move this process forward on a timely basis and moving this out further will put everybody into a very difficult time crunch at the end of October. Mr. Manning stated there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow along with keeping 2:00 p.m. at the Strategic Planning Conference for further discussion. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to pushing this item off for one month, the final process, and the needed volume of signatories.

*Motion by Bowcock, second by Bowman, and by majority vote – one no vote from Ms. Rose
Moved to adopt Resolution 07-05, the staff report, and direct legal counsel to file with the court, as presented*

C. 20-GALLON CHALLENGE

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*Motion by Catlin, second by Kuhn, and by unanimous vote
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D. ELIMINATION OF SECRETARY II POSITION

Mr. Manning stated this is an item that is coming strictly to the Watermaster Board. It is an elimination of a position that is on the Chino Basin Watermaster salary schedule. Mr. Manning stated the Secretary II position is not necessary and it is staffs recommendation that it be eliminated. When the time comes for replacement of a clerical person for the Chino Basin Watermaster, this would be handled through the Personnel Committee.

*Motion by Kuhn, second by Catlin, and by unanimous vote
Moved to adopt Resolution 07-05 and direct legal counsel to file with the court, as presented*

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Court Approval re Subsidence Long Term Plan

Counsel Slater stated there is a court workshop scheduled for October 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chino Basin Watermaster office and the Special Referee and the technical assistant will be in attendance. A court reported will be present and the workshop will allow the parties to present witnesses to offer testimony related to the subject of the Long Term Plan for subsidence in management zone 1. This is the result of the earlier objection that had been filed by the City of Chino Hills to the adoption of the Long Term Plan and this was the courts method to keep the parties on task and yet allow full and fair opportunities for the parties to present witnesses and review documents. Counsel Slater stated Watermaster will present its set of witnesses and set of documentations in support of the Long Term Plan and we do expect the City of Chino Hills to present evidence and testimony suggesting that the Long Term Plan is not appropriate. All parties are welcome to come and offer comment. After that workshop we will expect the Special Referee to write a report which will then go through the

will then go through the Watermaster process to allow comments prior to the court hearing on November 15, 2007 for a final opportunity to present live witnesses as it relates to the Referee's report. There is a subsidiary issue related to Watermaster's filing and whether the confidentiality of the MZ1 process has been breached and Watermaster expects to present the earlier confidentiality agreement to the court at the beginning of next week so that the Special Referee has in front of her the earlier document and can judge on its face whether we breached any expectations of confidentiality. A brief discussion ensued with regard to Counsel Slater's comments.

Mr. Vanden Heuvel inquired as to the report from Dennis Williams which was given to each of the Watermaster Board members in their meeting packet. Counsel Slater stated the City of Chino Hills offered and the judge ordered that the City of Chino Hills had expert testimony that they were going to submit, that it be made available by September 21, 2007; this is the report that was filed for the City of Chino Hills. It argues that the Long Term Plan is inappropriate and Watermaster is prepared to respond to his report. Counsel Slater noted this item can be discussed now or at the workshop next week. Counsel Slater stated, in summary staff and counsel believes the Long Term Plan that has been prepared comports expressly with the requirements set forth in the OBMP. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to Dennis Williams report and it was noted this item can be discussed further and in greater detail at the workshop on October 3, 2007.

B. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Status Report on Basin Modeling Work

Mr. Manning stated there is a scheduled workshop on October 9, 2007 for the full review of the Basin Modeling work performed by Wildermuth Environmental. Mr. Wildermuth stated the report will be complete and posted to his web site shortly. Mr. Wildermuth stated there are three alternatives which are being proposed. The first alternative would be the expansion of the Desalters to 40,000 acre-feet of groundwater pumping from the current capacity without the benefit of re-operation and then we would superimpose the existing 100,000 acre-foot Dry Year Yield Program. The next step would be to superimpose re-operation and there are two alternatives to do that. From the groundwater perspective they are not going to look much different. The third alternative is the same as the second only we are expanding the Dry Year Yield to 150,000 acre-feet. Mr. Wildermuth stated all three alternatives will initially look like they are creating some yield but without re-operation it goes away and with re-operation the yield will expand. Mr. Wildermuth noted many of our evaluations will include looking at the water levels all over the basin, the changes of storage locally in the basin, the impact on subsidence by comparing it against what we think the metrics are on subsidence on the west side, and we are going to be analyzing for hydraulic control. We will also look at the surface water discharge projection for the Santa Ana River at Prado. We have all historical discharges in the calibration but on a go forward basis, we have all the projections for dischargers and its futuristic hydrology. Mr. Wildermuth stated we will also be looking at the water balance and from that we can determine exactly how much water is going out of the basin from Chino North into Prado and it will hopefully be a negative number and subject to tweaking the well field. We are also going to look at the change in the movement of known plumes. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the presentation given by Mr. Wildermuth and it was noted a Recharge Master Plan must be done.

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V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

September 27, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
September 27, 2007	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
October 1, 2007	11:30 a.m.	Golf Tournament Tee Off
October 1, 2007	5:00 p.m.	Kick off Reception for Strategic Conference
October 2, 2007	7:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Follow Up Conference
October 3, 2007	10:00 a.m.	MZ1 Workshop w/ Special Referee
October 11, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
October 16, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
October 25, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
October 25, 2007	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Watermaster Board meeting was dismissed by Chair Willis at 12:15 p.m.

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Minutes Approved: _____

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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3. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007
5. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2007 through August 2007





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KENNETH R. MANNING
Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 11, 2007
October 16, 2007
October 25, 2007

TO: Committee Members
Watermaster Board Members

SUBJECT: Cash Disbursement Report – September 2007

SUMMARY

Issue – Record of cash disbursements for the month of September 2007.

Recommendation – Staff recommends the Cash Disbursements for September 2007 be received and filed as presented.

Fiscal Impact – Funds disbursed were included in the FY 2007-08 Watermaster Budget.

BACKGROUND

A monthly cash disbursement report is provided to keep all members apprised of Watermaster expenditures.

DISCUSSION

Total cash disbursements during the month of September 2007 were \$741,363.78. The most significant expenditures during the month were Wildermuth Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$339,931.89, Hatch and Parent in the amount of \$86,542.72, and Berkeley Economic Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$86,650.00.

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Cash Disbursement Detail Report
September 2007

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Sep 07				
Bill Pmt -Check	9/4/2007	11687	PETTY CASH	-516.64
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11688	APPLIED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES	-3,066.10
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11689	BOWCOCK, ROBERT	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11690	CITISTREET	-2,300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11691	DE BOOM, NATHAN	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11692	MEDIA JIM	-900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11693	MONTE VISTA WATER DIST	-875.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11694	OFFICE DEPOT	-92.73
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11695	PARK PLACE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC.	-6,375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11696	PAYCHEX	-288.51
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11697	PIERSON, JEFFREY	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11698	PREMIERE GLOBAL SERVICES	-164.14
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11699	REID & HELLYER	-10,275.47
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11700	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Maintenance	-1,001.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11701	SAFETY CLEAN JANITORIAL SERVICES	-727.52
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11702	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	-524.75
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11703	VANDEN HEUVEL, GEOFFREY	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11704	VERIZON	-436.12
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11705	W.C. DISCOUNT MOBILE AUTO DETAILING	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11706	WILLIS, KENNETH	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/7/2007	11707	YUKON DISPOSAL SERVICE	-142.88
General Journal	9/8/2007	07/09/4	PAYROLL	-6,468.10
General Journal	9/8/2007	07/09/4	PAYROLL	-20,609.89
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11708	ACWA SERVICES CORPORATION	-283.59
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11709	BANK OF AMERICA	-5,354.84
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11710	BERKELEY ECONOMIC CONSULTING, INC.	-86,650.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11711	HATCH AND PARENT	-86,542.72
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11712	MCI	-1,169.95
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11713	SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY	-37,512.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11714	THE FURMAN GROUP, INC.	-2,525.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11715	TLC STAFFING	-131.20
Bill Pmt -Check	9/13/2007	11716	UNION 76	-190.38
Bill Pmt -Check	9/18/2007	11717	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-7,258.37
Bill Pmt -Check	9/18/2007	11718	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-7,258.37
Bill Pmt -Check	9/18/2007	11719	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-7,954.15
General Journal	9/22/2007	07/09/6	PAYROLL	-7,067.98
General Journal	9/22/2007	07/09/6	PAYROLL	-22,482.25
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11720	ARROWHEAD MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER	-49.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11721	BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION	-1,972.50
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11722	CALPERS	-3,383.59
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11723	CAROLLO ENGINEERS	-7,623.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11724	CHARLES MEISNER INC.	-237.05
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11725	COMPUTER NETWORK	-2,175.47
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11726	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	-5,495.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11727	DELUXE BUSINESS FORMS & SUPPLIES	-119.91
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11728	DIRECTV	-74.98
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11729	ELLISON, SCHNEIDER & HARRIS, LLP	-39,980.47
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11730	FIRST AMERICAN REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11731	GREENLEE, GAIL	-40.93
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11732	INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY	-127.31
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11733	LOS ANGELES TIMES	-42.40
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11734	OFFICE DEPOT	-546.17
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11735	PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	-103.60
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11736	R&D PEST SERVICES	-85.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11737	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Lease	-5,408.08
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11738	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Maintenance	-345.43
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11739	SAFEGUARD DENTAL & VISION	-13.32
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11740	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMMITTEE	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11741	STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	-565.89
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11742	STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	-698.67
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11743	STAULA, MARY L	-136.61
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11744	THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	-156.56
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11745	TLC STAFFING	-1,795.20
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11746	VERIZON WIRELESS	-406.57
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11747	VISION SERVICE PLAN	-36.11
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11748	W.C. DISCOUNT MOBILE AUTO DETAILING	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11749	WESTERN DENTAL SERVICES, INC.	-23.25
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11750	WHEELER METER MAINTENANCE	-600.00

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Cash Disbursement Detail Report
September 2007

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11751	WILDERMUTH ENVIRONMENTAL INC	-339,931.89
Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11752	WEST VALLEY ELECTRIC	-370.17
Sep 07				<u>-741,363.78</u>

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Check Detail
September 2007

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11709	9/13/2007	BANK OF AMERICA	1012 · Bank of America Gen'l Ckg	
Bill	402442...	8/31/2007		6190 · Conferences & Seminars	-3,317.43
				6909.1 · OBMP Meetings	-1,085.04
				6031.7 · Other Office Supplies	-622.77
				6212 · Meeting Expense	-164.80
				6312 · Meeting Expenses	-164.80
TOTAL					-5,354.84

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL
 FOR THE
 PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007

	WATERMASTER ADMINISTRATION	OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT	POOL APPROPRIATIVE	POOL AGRICULTURAL	POOL NON-AGRIC.	GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT	GROUNDWATER OPERATIONS SB222 FUNDS	EDUCATION FUNDS	GRAND TOTALS	BUDGET 2007-2008
Administrative Revenues			5,139,446		61,606				5,201,052	\$7,540,370
Administrative Assessments										181,500
Interest Revenue		41,667							41,667	145,500
Mutual Agency Project Revenue										0
Grant Income										0
Miscellaneous Income										0
Total Revenues	-	41,667	5,139,446	-	61,606	-	-	-	5,242,719	7,867,370
Administrative & Project Expenditures										
Watermaster Administration	103,119								103,119	627,797
Watermaster Board-Advisory Committee	9,314								9,314	60,645
Pool Administration			2,564	17,131	853				20,548	127,333
Optimum Basin Mgmt Administration		702,076							702,076	1,857,337
OBMP Project Costs		1,070,858							1,070,858	5,183,883
Education Funds Use										375
Mutual Agency Project Costs										10,000
Total Administrative/OBMP Expenses	112,433	1,772,934	2,564	17,131	853				1,905,915	7,867,370
Net Administrative/OBMP Income	(112,433)	(1,731,267)								
Allocate Net Admin Income To Pools	112,433		86,685	23,638	2,110					
Allocate Net OBMP Income To Pools		1,731,267	1,334,789	363,989	32,489					
Agricultural Expense Transfer		393,908	(393,908)							
Total Expenses	1,817,946	10,850	10,850	(10,850)	35,452				1,905,915	7,867,370
Net Administrative Income	3,321,500			(10,850)	26,154				3,336,804	
Other Income/(Expense)										0
Replenishment Water Purchases										0
MZ1 Supplemental Water Assessments										0
Water Purchases										0
MZ1 Imported Water Purchase										0
Groundwater Replenishment						(2,328,727)			(2,328,727)	0
Net Other Income						(2,328,727)			(2,328,727)	0
Net Transfers To/(From) Reserves			3,321,500	(10,850)	26,154	(2,328,727)			1,008,077	

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**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD
AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007**

DEPOSITORIES:		
Cash on Hand - Petty Cash	\$	500
Bank of America		
Governmental Checking-Demand Deposits	\$	219,161
Zero Balance Account - Payroll		-
Local Agency Investment Fund - Sacramento		<u>5,004,271</u>
TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND		\$ 5,223,932
TOTAL CASH IN BANKS AND ON HAND		2,115,046
	8/31/2007	
	7/31/2007	
PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$ 3,108,886

CHANGE IN CASH POSITION DUE TO:

Decrease/(Increase) in Assets:		
Accounts Receivable	\$	153,670
Assessments Receivable		3,553,863
Prepaid Expenses, Deposits & Other Current Assets		(151,677)
Accounts Payable		113,858
Accrued Payroll, Payroll Taxes & Other Current Liabilities		14,772
Transfer to/(from) Reserves		<u>(575,600)</u>
PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$ 3,108,886

	Zero Balance	Local Agency	Totals
	Account	Investment Funds	
	Payroll		
Petty Cash	-	-	-
Govt'l Checking Demand	910,275	-	910,275
Deposits	3,709,605	-	3,709,605
Transfers	(3,862,129)	62,129	(3,799,999)
Withdrawals/Checks	(538,590)	(62,129)	(600,719)
Balances as of 8/31/2007	\$ 219,161	\$ -	\$ 5,004,271
PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)	\$ (691,114)	\$ -	\$ 3,800,000

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Balances as of 7/31/2007	\$	2,115,046
Deposits		3,709,605
Transfers		(3,799,999)
Withdrawals/Checks		(600,719)
Balances as of 8/31/2007	\$ 5,223,932	
PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)	\$ 3,108,886	

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PERIOD
AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007**

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Effective Date	Transaction	Depository	Activity	Redeemed	Days to Maturity	Interest Rate(*)	Maturity Yield
8/24/2007	Deposit	L.A.I.F.	\$ 2,500,000				
7/26/2007	Deposit	L.A.I.F.	\$ 1,300,000				
TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS			\$ 3,800,000				

* The earnings rate for L.A.I.F. is a daily variable rate; 5.23% was the effective yield rate at the Quarter ended June 30, 2007

**INVESTMENT STATUS
August 31, 2007**

Financial Institution	Principal Amount	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 5,004,271			
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 5,004,271			

Funds on hand are sufficient to meet all foreseen and planned Administrative and project expenditures during the next six months.

All investment transactions have been executed in accordance with the criteria stated in Chino Basin Watermaster's Investment Policy.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheri M. Rojo, CPA
Chief Financial Officer & Assistant General Manager
Chino Basin Watermaster

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through August 2007

	<u>Jul - Aug 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4010 · Local Agency Subsidies	41,667	145,500	-103,833	28.64%
4100 · Administrative Assessments	5,201,052	0	5,201,052	100.0%
4110 · Admin Asmnts-Approp Pool	0	7,423,878	-7,423,878	0.0%
4120 · Admin Asmnts-Non-Agri Pool	0	116,492	-116,492	0.0%
4700 · Non Operating Revenues	0	181,500	-181,500	0.0%
Total Income	5,242,719	7,867,370	-2,624,651	66.64%
Gross Profit	5,242,719	7,867,370	-2,624,651	66.64%
Expense				
6010 · Salary Costs	87,547	477,247	-389,700	18.34%
6020 · Office Building Expense	17,760	101,580	-83,820	17.48%
6030 · Office Supplies & Equip.	5,945	46,500	-40,555	12.79%
6040 · Postage & Printing Costs	16,244	83,000	-66,756	19.57%
6050 · Information Services	44,856	132,000	-87,144	33.98%
6060 · Contract Services	7,220	117,500	-110,280	6.15%
6080 · Insurance	4,160	18,210	-14,050	22.85%
6110 · Dues and Subscriptions	1,376	16,750	-15,374	8.22%
6140 · WM Admin Expenses	510	4,650	-4,140	10.96%
6150 · Field Supplies	0	2,500	-2,500	0.0%
6170 · Travel & Transportation	2,574	25,000	-22,426	10.3%
6190 · Conferences & Seminars	4,918	22,500	-17,582	21.86%
6200 · Advisory Comm - WM Board	2,928	18,931	-16,003	15.47%
6300 · Watermaster Board Expenses	6,385	41,714	-35,329	15.31%
8300 · Appr PI-WM & Pool Admin	2,564	24,001	-21,437	10.68%
8400 · Agri Pool-WM & Pool Admin	2,989	24,004	-21,015	12.45%
8467 · Ag Legal & Technical Services	14,142	60,000	-45,858	23.57%
8470 · Ag Meeting Attend -Special	0	12,000	-12,000	0.0%
8500 · Non-Ag PI-WM & Pool Admin	853	7,328	-6,475	11.64%
6500 · Education Funds Use Expens	0	375	-375	0.0%
9500 · Allocated G&A Expenditures	-89,991	-419,640	329,649	21.45%
Subtotal Admin Expenses	132,981	816,150	-683,169	16.29%
6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan	669,314	1,716,138	-1,046,824	39.0%
6950 · Mutual Agency Projects	0	10,000	-10,000	
9501 · G&A Expenses Allocated-OBMP	32,762	141,199	-108,437	23.2%
Subtotal OBMP Expenses	702,076	1,867,337	-1,165,261	37.6%
7101 · Production Monitoring	15,510	116,709	-101,199	13.29%
7102 · In-line Meter Installation	2,664	37,791	-35,127	7.05%
7103 · Grdwtr Quality Monitoring	20,918	162,104	-141,186	12.9%
7104 · Gdwtr Level Monitoring	24,175	212,667	-188,492	11.37%
7105 · Sur Wtr Qual Monitoring	611	40,553	-39,942	1.51%
7107 · Ground Level Monitoring	11,670	425,465	-413,795	2.74%
7108 · Hydraulic Control Monitoring	16,217	369,232	-353,015	4.39%
7109 · Recharge & Well Monitoring Prog	4,911	182,827	-177,916	2.69%
7200 · PE2- Comp Recharge Pgm	198,648	1,255,827	-1,057,179	15.82%
7300 · PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	13,786	159,509	-145,723	8.64%

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July through August 2007

	<u>Jul - Aug 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
7400 · PE4- Mgmt Plan	41,318	159,674	-118,356	25.88%
7500 · PE6&7-CoopEfforts/SaltMgmt	41,448	308,533	-267,085	13.43%
7600 · PE8&9-StorageMgmt/Conj Use	10,166	92,660	-82,494	10.97%
7690 · Recharge Improvement Debt Pymt	618,373	1,377,552	-759,179	44.89%
7700 · Inactive Well Protection Prgm	0	4,339	-4,339	0.0%
9502 · G&A Expenses Allocated-Projects	50,443	278,441	-227,998	18.12%
Subtotal Special Project Expenses	<u>1,070,858</u>	<u>5,183,883</u>	<u>-4,113,025</u>	<u>20.66%</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,905,915</u>	<u>7,867,370</u>	<u>-5,961,455</u>	<u>24.23%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	3,336,804		3,336,804	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
5010 · Groundwater Replenishment	2,328,727			
9999 · To/(From) Reserves	<u>1,008,078</u>			
Total Other Expense	<u>3,336,804</u>			
Net Other Income	<u>-3,336,804</u>			
Net Income	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. INTERVENTION – FUJI NATURAL FOOD INC.





CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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KENNETH R. MANNING
Chief Executive Officer

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 11, 2007
October 16, 2007
October 25, 2007

TO: Committee Members
Watermaster Board Members

SUBJECT: Intervention into Agricultural Pool

SUMMARY

Recommendation – Staff recommends approval of the intervention of Fuji Natural Foods into the Agricultural Pool.

BACKGROUND

According to Paragraph 60 of the Judgment:

“[Any] person newly proposing to produce water from the Chino Basin may become a party to this Judgment upon filing a petition in intervention. Said intervention must be confirmed by order of this Court. Such intervener shall thereafter be a party bound by this judgment and entitled to the rights and privileges accorded under the Physical Solution herein, through the pool to which the Court shall assign such intervener.”

According to Watermaster’s Rules and Regulations section 2.27:

“Watermaster will receive and make recommendations regarding petitions for intervention and accumulate them for filing with the Court from time to time (Judgment paragraph. 60 and Order re Intervention Procedures, July 14, 1978.)”

Watermaster has received a petition in intervention from Fuji Natural Foods which pumps water for use on its agricultural operation. It is staffs’ understanding that this production has been ongoing, but its existence has only recently come to Watermaster’s attention.

Staff recommends approval of the intervention into the Agricultural Pool.

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Chino Basin Watermaster
9641 San Bernardino Rd.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
Attn: Kenneth R. Manning, CEO

Subject: Intervention into Chino Basin Watermaster as an Agricultural Pool Party

Dear Mr. Manning:

I, or the company I represent (see below), request intervention into the Chino Basin Watermaster Judgment as a member of the Agricultural Pool. I/we request that the Watermaster attorneys process the Intervention paperwork through the Court.

Number of wells: 4

Location(s) of wells (including addresses, parcel numbers, and landmarks): _____

BLD (A) EAST WELL, WEST WELL
BLD (B) NORTH WELL, SOUTH WELL

Property Owner (Well Owner) Information:


Name: Fuji NATURAL FOODS, INC.
Address: 13500 MILLIKEN AVE. ONTARIO CA 91761
Phone: 909-947-1008 Email: _____

Property Occupant (Well User) Information (if different from Owner):

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Representative Handling Intervention:

Name: SATO MASANORI Title: MANAGER
Address: 13500 MILLIKEN AVE ONTARIO CA 91761
Phone: 909-947-1008 Email: _____

Sincerely,  Printed: SATO MASANORI

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

III. REPORTS / UPDATES

D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

2. Monthly Water Conservation Programs Report
3. Monthly Imported Water Deliveries Report (handout)
4. State and Federal Legislative Reports
5. Community Outreach/Public Relations Report



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2007

AGENDA

INTERAGENCY WATER MANAGERS' REPORT

Chino Basin Watermaster

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

15-20 Minutes

Discussion Items:

- 8th Street Basin Preparation and Delivery of Recycled Water

Written Updates:

- Monthly Water Conservation Programs Report
- Monthly Imported Water Deliveries Report - Will be distributed at the meeting
- State and Federal Legislative Reports
- Community Outreach/Public Relations Report

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Regional Conservation Programs

Monthly Report – October 2007

MWD Activities

- **Media Campaign & Public Outreach** – MWD’s media campaign kicked off in July with traffic radio announcements. During the month of August, the campaign expanded to 30 and 60-second radio spots, online news and print ads. The media campaign schedule will run from July-December, 2007. Many agencies have adopted the “Twenty Gallon Challenge” including IEUA, Chino Basin Watermaster and the city of Chino. Cucamonga Valley Water District and Monte Vista Water District are implementing drought watch campaigns as well.
- **Accelerated Public Sector Water Efficiency Partnership Demonstration Program** – Funds of \$15 million were authorized by the MWD Board on August 21, 2007. MWD will work with member agencies to identify those agencies that have the highest potential for reductions in water demand through the implementation of recommended water efficiency improvements. This is a competitive program based on a first come, first served basis, and it is recommended that interested participants expeditiously identify those public sites within the IEUA service area who would receive the greatest benefit under this program. This program will offer conservation audits to identify water efficiency improvements, pay for enhanced device incentives—paid up front—to purchase proven water-saving retrofit technologies, Pay-for-Performance water use reduction incentives and will also include hook-up of recycled water for use by public agencies, including schools.
- **Water/Energy Partnership Update** – The Water/Energy Program is a partnership between Southern California Edison (SCE), MWD and its member agencies. This program will provide high efficiency toilets through a direct installation program for low-income, multi-family complexes. Upon completion of the toilet retrofits, this program will evaluate cold water, energy and gas savings. The program will be co-funded by MWD and SCE and is tentatively scheduled to kick-off in January 2008. A similar program is being explored by IEUA in partnership with Southern California Gas Company, California Public Utilities Commission and Navigant Consulting.
- **Region-wide Residential Program** – Qualified vendors were selected and short-listed from proposals received by MWD. Vendor interviews were held on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at MWD headquarters. Upon completion of the interviews and assessment of respondents, selection will be made. This program is tentatively scheduled to begin in January, 2008.
- **Innovative Conservation Grant** – IEUA received a grant for \$87,000 to implement a pilot pervious concrete rebate within its service area, in partnership with the Southern California Ready Mix Concrete Association, Chino Basin Watermaster, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, U.C. Santa Barbara and the Three County Stormwater Management Coalition. The kick off for the project is planned for November.
- **Enhanced Conservation Grant** – An RFP was distributed by MWD in September, 2007 with proposals due on October 12, 2007. IEUA submitted one grant for the Water-Wise Residential Landscape Rebate Program and endorsed two other grant submissions from Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) and California Resource Connections. MVWD submitted a proposal for the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Landscape Retrofit Pilot Program and the California Resource Connections submitted one for the Design of Model Water Conserving Median and Parkway Streetscapes that will be implemented in partnership with the California Polytechnic Institute, Pomona.

Landscape Programs

- **Phase II Landscape Audit Program** – The program consists of 150 commercial audits and 50 large landscape residential audits. To date HydroEarth has completed all 150 Commercial field audits as well as 15 residential field audits. IEUA staff has reviewed and corrected the reports. The reports have been sent back to HydroEarth for finalization and HydroEarth is to have the reports in PDF format to IEUA no later than October 22, 2007. They will then be posted to the FTP site for review by the respective member agencies. HydroEarth’s contract ended on September 28, 2007, but under written agreement, HydroEarth is responsible for any corrections or modifications to the reports for up to one year after contract expiration.
- **Phase III Landscape Audit Program** – IEUA was awarded a grant from the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$194,476 to perform 300 Landscape Audit evaluations within IEUA’s service area over a three-year period. A Resolution to accept the grant funds was adopted by the IEUA Board on September 5, 2007. The Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD) in cooperation with IEUA is developing and will be administering the program. Both CBWCD and IEUA staff attended training in August with the Irrigation Association (IA) to obtain Landscape Irrigation Auditor Certifications. Both CBWCD and IEUA staff will be performing actual audits, under the guidance of RCRC staff, the last week of October to complete the certification requirements to become a

Certified Landscape Auditor through the Irrigation Association (IA). Additionally, staff from CBWCD, IEUA, Upland, Monte Vista and Chino, attended two days of training in September at the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) which detailed their well established, successful landscape evaluation program.

- **Ontario Cares** – On September 29, 2007, the City of Ontario held a neighborhood block party for the Ontario Cares Program within a new targeted demographic area. During the event, the Ontario Mayor invited Director Gene Koopman to speak and he gave a brief presentation to the crowd on IEUA's relationship with the Ontario Cares Program and on California-Friendly® Landscaping. There were approximately 100+ neighbors who attended the event. The first California-Friendly® landscape site was completed on August 16, 2007 with the second site completion on September 28, 2007 and unveiled at the Block Party. Other neighbors within the area were impressed with the design and look of the California-Friendly® model site and a neighbor across the street has elected to have California-Friendly® landscaping installed in their yard. Ontario Cares is a pilot landscape project funded in cooperation with IEUA, MWD and the United States Bureau of Reclamation to integrate California-Friendly® landscape designs into the city's existing Ontario Cares Program which provides home improvements for homeowners residing in low-income neighborhoods.
- **Landscape Retrofit Rebate and Education Program** – Proposals for Consulting Services for the landscape Retrofit Rebate and Education Program were rejected due to their high costs. IEUA staff obtained information on existing landscape retrofit programs to determine whether an in-house program could be developed. Results were reviewed with the Regional Conservation Partnership on October 2, 2007. IEUA Board adopted the Water-Wise Residential Landscape Rebate Pilot Program on October 3, 2007. It is anticipated that the program will be kicked off during California Friendly week—October 20-27th. Rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis to the first 25 applicants. The IEUA Board also adopted a Synthetic Turf Rebate Program in which IEUA will match MWD's rebate, providing a total of 60 cents per square foot for installation of synthetic turf that replaces natural grass.
- **Inland Empire Landscape Alliance** – On October 11, 2007, the Landscape Alliance Board reviewed proposed Goals and Objectives for landscaping policies. This item will be brought back for ratification at the next Landscape Alliance meeting (November 8, 2007 from 3:00-4:00 in the IEUA Board room). Two workshops are planned for November. The first will be held on Thursday November 1st and is a half-day tour for planning commissioners that will feature examples of outdoor landscaping best management practices (7:30 am - 12:00 pm, meeting at the Preserve in Chino). Participants will be taken to sites throughout the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario and Montclair. The second workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 28th and will address General Plan Language that promotes water efficient policies (7:30 am-9:30 am, location to be confirmed).
- **California-Friendly® Landscape Classes (formerly PDA)** – Requested classes have been scheduled through December 31, 2007. Scheduling for 2008 classes will begin at the end of 2007 and MWD will confirm the schedule once instructors have been assigned.

Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Program

- **(CII SAVE-A-BUCK)** – For fiscal year 07/08, there have been 1,050 rebates processed to date. From program inception (FY 00/01) to date, a total of 14,878 devices have been rebated, representing a lifetime savings of 19394.73 AF. The following is a list of the most recent rebate activity within the IEUA service area and provided through MWD's Save-A-Buck Program, only:
 - **High Efficiency Clothes Washers** – During the month of September 2007, there was 1 rebate issued. To date, 412 commercial high efficiency clothes washer rebates have been issued within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.
 - **Cooling Tower Conductivity & pH Controllers** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 20 cooling tower conductivity controller rebates have been issued within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.
 - **Ultra-Low-Flush Toilets** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 1,893 ULFT rebates have been issued within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.
 - **ULFT Flushometers** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 4 ULFT flushometer rebates have been issued within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.
 - **High-Efficiency Toilets** – During the month of September 2007, there were two rebates issued for 191 HET's. To date, 780 high efficiency toilet (HET) rebates have been issued within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.
 - **Zero Water Urinals** – During the month of September 2007, there was one rebate issued for 2 waterless urinals. To date, 425 waterless urinals have been distributed within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.
 - **High-Efficiency Urinals** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 8 low-flow urinal rebates have been issued within IEUA's service area since FY 00/01.

- **Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 0 WBIC rebates have been issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **Rotating Nozzles for Pop-up Spray Heads** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 0 rotating nozzle rebates have been issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **Synthetic Turf for commercial applications (CII Only)** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, there have been no turf rebates issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **High Efficiency Nozzles for Large Rotary Sprinklers** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, there have been no high efficiency nozzle rebates issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **Dry Vacuum Pumps** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, there have been no pump rebates issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **Steam Sterilizer Retrofits** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, there have been no steam sterilizer rebates issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **Pre-Rinse Spray Head-(PRSH)** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 2 pre-rinse spray head rebates have been issued in IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **Water Broom** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 695 water broom rebates have been issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.
- **X-Ray Recirculation Units** – During the month of September 2007, there were no rebates issued. To date, 11 x-ray recirculation unit rebates have been issued within IEUA’s service area since FY 00/01.

Residential Rebate Programs

- **ULFT and HET Rebate Program** – During the month of September, 0 ULFT rebates were processed. There were 195 rebates were processed during FY 06/07. Since the program was executed in 2002, a total of 4,523 rebates have been processed by IEUA. Implemented February 1, 2007, IEUA began processing the ULFT and HET rebates.
- **High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate** – During the month of September, 190 washer rebates were processed. There were 1,320 washer rebates processed by IEUA in FY 06/07. A total of 8,162 rebates have been distributed since the program was put into practice in 2002.
- **“SmarTimer of Inland Empire” Program** – During the month of September, 5 SmarTimer Irrigation Controller rebates were processed. There were 121 rebates were processed by IEUA in FY 06/07, with a total of 244 controllers placed. Since the introduction of the program in April 2006, 370 controllers have been placed to date.
- **Rotating Nozzles for Pop-up Spray Heads** – During the month of September, there were 9 customer rebates processed with a total of 339 rotating nozzles distributed. Since the program’s inception thru September 30, 2007, a total of 497 nozzles have been distributed. The incentive is \$4 per rotating nozzle to be replaced. The rotating nozzles save up to 6,600 gallons of water over five years.

Other Residential Programs

- **Multi-Family ULFT Program** – The Multi-Family Direct Installation Program began ULFT retrofits in October, 2006. To date, there have been 10,969 ULFTs retrofitted within IEUA’s service area. During the month of September, there were 131 retrofits completed.

School Education Programs

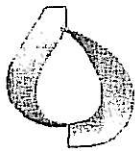
- **Garden in Every School** – The schools selected for 07/08 program are EJ Marshall, Chino; Chaparral, Chino Hills; Linda Vista, Ontario; Pepper Tree, Upland; Los Amigos, CVWD; Oak Park, Fontana; Our Lady of Lourdes, MVWD. Contact is also being renewed with past participants to help maintain the gardens and with the plan of creating a support network between all of the GIES schools. The 07/08 workshop was held on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at Liberty Elementary in Ontario. IEUA staff is currently meeting with schools to develop the irrigation and garden designs.
- **National Theatre for Children** – The Fall schedule for the 07/08 school year continues to be developed. As of September 27, 2007, eighteen performances have been confirmed and performance requests are still being received. Performances are scheduled to begin Oct. 22.
- **Chino Youth Museum** - Over the past year the Chino Youth Museum along with the City of Chino, MVWD, Chino Basin Water Conservation District and IEUA have been meeting to rejuvenate and improve the water exhibit that was constructed in 2002. The planning committee has received drawings from the consultant for the design of the new exhibit. Construction of the exhibit will begin in Fall 2007.

Outreach

- **Water Fair** – Water Fair 2007 will be held Saturday, October 20, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Montclair Plaza, inside the lower level Main entrance. The event will promote water conservation and educate customers on the various rebates and programs that exist in their area. There will be a water show and activities for kids. IEUA will also promote California-Friendly Week following the Fair. It will culminate in the Open House and Pumpkin Sale held at Chino Basin Water Conservation District on October 27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Water Education Water Awareness Committee (WEWAC)** – WEWAC’s garden site at the L.A. County Fairgrounds was well received by the Fair patrons. The garden’s Italian theme motif incorporated a “backyard friendly” design, low water-using plants, and drip irrigation technology.

CALENDAR

October 18, 2007	Local Government Commission’s The Ahwahnee Water Principles Workshop-- Linking Land Use and Water in the Santa Ana Region, IEUA—9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
October 20, 2007	Regional Water Fair, Montclair Plaza — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
October 25, 2007	MWD Quarterly Educators Meeting — 9 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
October 27, 2007	Chino Basin Water Conservation District Open House & Pumpkin Sale — 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
October 31, 2007	OWOW Town Hall Meeting, California Citrus State Historic Park, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
November 1, 2007	Planning Commissioner Tour of Inland Empire Best Management Practices—7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
November 8, 2007	Inland Empire Landscape Alliance Meeting, 3:00 – 4 :00 p.m. IEUA Board Room
November 9, 2007	Water Resources Institute Global Warming/Climate Change Summit and Drought in the Inland Empire Conference, Cal State University San Bernardino
November 28, 2007	Inland Empire Landscape Alliance General Plan Language Workshop—7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
November 14, 15 2007	California Water Policy Conference Climate of Change from Sizzle to Substance, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel



Inland Empire
UTILITIES AGENCY

Date: September 19, 2007
To: The Honorable Board of Directors
Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (09/12/07)
From: Richard W. Atwater *RWA*
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Submitted by: Martha Davis *MD*
Executive Manager of Policy Development
Subject: August Legislative Report from Innovative Federal Strategies, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Letitia White provides a monthly report on their federal activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

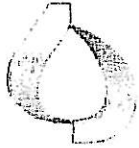
IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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Inland Empire
UTILITIES AGENCY

Date: October 17, 2007

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (10/10/07)

From: Richard W. Atwater *RWA*
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Submitted by: Martha Davis *MD*
Executive Manager of Policy Development

Subject: September Legislative Report from Dolphin Group

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Michael Boccadoro provides a monthly report on his activities on behalf of the Chino Basin/Optimum Basin Management Program Coalition.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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September 28, 2007

To: Chino Basin/OBMP Coalition

From: Michael Boccadoro
Senior Vice President

RE: September Status Report

Please find attached the status report from The Dolphin Group for the month of September 2007.

As the Legislative Session came to an end in August, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger simultaneously called two special sessions to address water and health care issues. Meanwhile, the Governor has until October 14th to sign or veto measures approved by the Legislature.

On the regulatory front, the standard contracts for renewable power authorized by AB 1969 are under consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission, as parties weighed consideration about how pending Senate Bill 451 may potentially affect the program.

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Chino Basin / OBMP Coalition

Status Report – September 2007

ENERGY/REGULATORY.

AB 1969 Implementation & Renewable Energy Production

The CPUC is currently examining tariffs and standard contracts submitted by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE) to ensure that they are consistent with the decision issued by the CPUC in August. AB 1969, sponsored by IEUA, established standard contracts for the purchase of renewable electricity produced by public water and wastewater agencies at the Market Price Referent (MPR) up to 250 MW statewide. The CPUC took the additional step of establishing a “sister program” that allows any customer to participate, up to 227 MW.

On a parallel track, the Governor is considering Senate Bill 451, which expands the concept of AB 1969 by similarly expanding the program to all customers up to 1000 MW statewide. In evaluation of the language of SB 451 (which was amended numerous times in the waning days of the legislative session), IEUA and other parties identified potential issues with how the CPUC may implement AB 1969, which may be compounded by SB 451.

Central to the concerns is how ownership of various “environmental attributes”, such as GHG reductions, will be allocated across the variety of different generation setups. IEUA and other parties are concerned that under current CPUC rules, producers of renewable electricity such as dairy biogas electricity may be forced to cede excessive environmental credits in exchange for selling part of their electricity output to the utility.

At issue is the ambiguity of CPUC policy, originally intended to apply to contracted large-scale “export-only” renewable power, as opposed to customer generation that may be first used to off-set on-site energy production before exporting excess electricity to the grid. Parties are concerned that rules aimed at the former may affect the viability of the latter type of projects.

IEUA and DGI have formed a working group to address these issues, and have initiated conversations with environmental, agricultural and energy-related groups to attempt to resolve any “cloud” that may currently exist over title to these various environmental credits.

EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON WATER ISSUES

On September 11, Governor Schwarzenegger called two special legislative sessions; one pertaining to health care and the other to address water issues. The declaration came only two days before the Legislature was to recess from the regular session.

On September 18, Schwarzenegger submitted his proposal for a \$9 billion bond measure aimed at improving the state's water infrastructure. The measure dedicates over \$5 billion in surface storage, as well as \$500 million for groundwater storage, making development of water resources a centerpiece of his plan.

This contrasts strongly with the \$5.4 billion bond proposed by Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata (D-Oakland), which includes no specific funds for surface water storage.

Both sides have expressed optimism towards working together to develop a comprehensive water bond package to propose to voters in 2008. The following outlines the two proposals:

Governor's Proposal (as contained in 9/19 amends to SB 3xx)

■ \$9.085 billion General Obligation Bond

■ Delta Sustainability (\$1.9 billion)

-\$500 million for projects to:

- Ensure reliability of urban and ag water deliveries
- Improve drinking water quality
- Create water flow conditions for adequate habitat for native fish and wildlife
- Create sustainable land use patterns in Delta and flood structures
- Protect transportation corridor and other vital infrastructure
- Provide other public benefits, including planning, monitoring and design of alternatives

-\$1.4 billion to protect and enhance Delta Ecosystem

- Consistent with BDCP and Blue Ribbon Task Force
- Protect and restore native fish, including removal of invasive species
- Projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Funds contingent on development of comprehensive plan

■ Water Supply Reliability (\$1 billion)

-Improve reliability and decrease reliance

-Competitive grants within regions/ 25% cost share

-Local agencies decide supply choices:

- Ag and urban water use efficiency
- Recycling, reclamation, desalination, including distribution
- Groundwater, surface storage and conjunctive use
- Other projects that improve reliability
- Groundwater contamination prevention, cleanup and treatment

- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood management programs
- Removal of invasives, creation of wetlands, ecosystem and fisheries restoration
- Non-point source pollution reduction, storm water capture storage & treatment
- Planning and feasibility projects
- Eligible applicants include public agencies, IOUs and mutual water companies
- Funds distributed to hydrologic regions and sub-regions identified in CA Water Plan
- \$400 million interregional funding:
 - Technology development and deployment
 - Meeting state water recycling goals
 - Adapting to climate change impacts
 - Reducing contributions to climate change
 - Projects to improve statewide water mgmt systems
- Not less than \$500 million for groundwater and conjunctive use
 - Resource Stewardship (\$500 million)
 - Grants for ecosystem restoration, urban watershed, storm water management projects in specified watersheds
 - Water Storage Development (\$5.6 billion)
 - \$5.1 Billion for design, acquisition and construction of surface water storage projects consistent with CAL-Fed
 - Meeting state water recycling goal
 - \$500 Million for planning, design and construction of locally managed conjunctive use and groundwater storage
 - 2/3 repeal protection
 - State cost share to not exceed 50%
 - Water users to pay for 75% of water supply benefits
 - Funds divert to local groundwater projects after 2012 if surface storage projects not built (requires 2/3 legislative vote)
 - Regional allocation
 - 25% cost share
 - Groundwater Protection (\$400 million)
 - Projects to prevent or reduce groundwater contamination
 - Funding prioritized according to needs assessment
 - Fish and Game (\$85 million)
 - Expenditures and grants for invasive species
 - \$50 million to local public agencies

Perata Proposal (as contained in 9/19 amends to SB 2xx)

- \$5.8 billion general obligation bond
- Delta Sustainability (\$2.4 billion)
 - \$1 billion for projects to:
 - Ensure reliability of urban and ag water deliveries
 - Improve drinking water quality
 - Create water flow conditions for adequate habitat for native fish and wildlife
 - Create sustainable land use patterns in Delta and flood structures
 - Protect transportation corridor and other vital infrastructure
 - Provide other public benefits, including planning, monitoring and design of alternatives
 - \$1.4 billion to protect and enhance Delta ecosystem
 - Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and Blue Ribbon Task Force projects
 - Projects to protect and restore native fish and wildlife
 - Projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from exposed Delta soils
 - Funds cannot be used to construct Delta Water transfer facility
 - Funds contingent on development of comprehensive plan
- Water Supply Reliability (\$2 billion)
 - Improve water supply reliability to decentralize and decrease reliance on Delta
 - Competitive grants within regions/ 50% cost share
 - Local agencies decide supply choices:
 - Ag and urban water use efficiency
 - Recycling, reclamation, desalination, including distribution
 - Groundwater, surface storage and conjunctive use
 - Other projects that improve reliability
 - Groundwater contamination prevention, cleanup and treatment
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 - Grants for ecosystem restoration, urban watershed, storm water management projects in specified watersheds

Act
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 09/05/2007
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: To enrollment
SUMMARY:

Creates the Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to design and implement a program to incentivize the installation of 200,000 solar water heating systems in homes and business throughout the state in 2007. Requires the commission to establish criteria for such systems receiving gas customer funded incentives. Requires the commission to fund the program through a surcharge to gas customers in gas corporation service areas. Provides exemptions.

VOTES:

04/16/2007	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee	P 7-4
04/23/2007	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	P 6-3
05/31/2007	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 12-5
06/06/2007	Assembly Floor	P 44-34
07/03/2007	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	P 6-2
08/30/2007	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 9-6
09/10/2007	Senate Floor	P 24-16
09/12/2007	Assembly Floor	P 45-32
Position:	Watch	

CA AB 1613

AUTHOR: Blakeslee [R]
TITLE: Energy: Waste Heat and Carbon Emissions Reduction
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 09/07/2007
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: To Governor
SUMMARY:

Enacts the Waste Heat and Carbon Emissions Reduction Act to advance the efficiency of the state's use of natural gas by capturing waste heat, reduce wasteful consumption of energy through use of waste heat, and support and facilitate both customer and utility owned combined heat and power systems. Allows the Public Utility Commission to require an electrical corporation to purchase excess electricity delivered by eligible systems and requires the PUC to establish tariff provisions that facilitate the act.

VOTES:

04/23/2007	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee	P 12-0
05/31/2007	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 16-1
06/06/2007	Assembly Floor	P 77-0
07/03/2007	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	P 8-0
08/30/2007	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 17-0
09/11/2007	Senate Floor	P 34-3
09/12/2007	Assembly Floor	P 75-0

CA SB 210

Position: Watch

AUTHOR: Kehoe [D]
TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Fuel Standard
INTRODUCED: 02/08/2007
LAST AMEND: 08/20/2007
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: To Governor
SUMMARY:

Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt, implement, and enforce, a low-carbon fuel standard by regulation, that achieves the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in carbon intensity of transportation fuels, and at least a 10% reduction in the carbon intensity of transportation fuels. Provides the standard would apply to refiners, blenders, producers, and importers of such fuels. Requires the development of related environmental reports requirements.

VOTES:

03/27/2007	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	P 7-4
04/24/2007	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	P 4-2
05/31/2007	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 10-6
06/04/2007	Senate Floor	P 21-15
07/02/2007	Assembly Transportation Committee	F 7-6
07/09/2007	Assembly Transportation Committee	P 8-6
07/12/2007	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	P 6-3
08/30/2007	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 11-5
09/10/2007	Assembly Floor	P 44-32
09/12/2007	Senate Floor	P 23-15

Position: Watch

CA SB 451

AUTHOR: Kehoe [D]
TITLE: Energy: Renewable Electric Generation Facilities
INTRODUCED: 02/21/2007
LAST AMEND: 09/07/2007
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: To Governor
SUMMARY:

Requires every electrical corporation to make the tariff available to any customer of the corporation on a first-come-first-served basis until the corporation meets its proportionate share of a combined statewide cumulative rated generating capacity of electrical generating facilities of 1,000 megawatts. Provides the electricity generated by a facility counts toward the corporation's renewables portfolio. Allows a customer to receive service pursuant to an alternative net metering program.

VOTES:

04/24/2007	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	P 8-0
05/29/2007	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 15-0
05/31/2007	Senate Floor	P 39-0
07/02/2007	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee	P 12-0

07/09/2007	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	P 8-0
08/30/2007	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 12-5
09/10/2007	Assembly Floor	P 64-13
09/11/2007	Senate Floor	P 34-1
Position:	Oppose_Unless	

CA SB 1001

AUTHOR: Perata [D]
TITLE: Regional Water Quality Control Boards
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 08/31/2007
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: To Governor
SUMMARY:

Relates to regional water boards and their responsibilities under the federal Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, with the Department of Finance, to prepare a detailed report on the financial basis and programmatic effectiveness of its water quality programs. Requires the Legislative Analyst's office to prepare a report on the financial basis and programmatic effectiveness of the board's fee-based water quality programs. Requires related regulations.

VOTES:

04/24/2007	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	P 5-2
05/31/2007	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 10-6
06/07/2007	Senate Floor	P 22-15
07/03/2007	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee	P 4-2
08/30/2007	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 12-5
09/07/2007	Assembly Floor	P 42-34
09/12/2007	Senate Floor	P 22-15
Position:	Watch	

CA SB 1036

AUTHOR: Perata [D]
TITLE: Energy: Renewable Energy Resources
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 07/12/2007
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: To Governor
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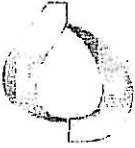
Repeals provisions providing for the New Renewable Resources Account within the Renewable Resource Trust Fund. Deletes the requirement that the Energy Commission award the production incentives and allocate and award supplemental energy payments to eligible renewable energy resources to cover above-market costs of renewable energy. Requires the Commission to terminate production incentives unless the project began generating electricity by a certain date. Provides related requirements for the PUC.

VOTES:

04/24/2007	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	P 8-0
05/07/2007	Senate Appropriations Committee	P 17-0
06/04/2007	Senate Floor	P 39-0

07/02/2007	Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee	P 7-3
07/09/2007	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	P 6-3
08/30/2007	Assembly Appropriations Committee	P 12-5
09/10/2007	Assembly Floor	P 57-18
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Inland Empire
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Date: October 17, 2007
To: The Honorable Board of Directors
Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (10/10/07)
From: Richard W. Atwater *RWA*
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Submitted by: Martha Davis *MD*
Executive Manager of Policy Development
Subject: September Legislative Report from Geyer and Associates

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Bill Geyer and Jennifer West provide a monthly report on their state activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Legislative Tracking 9/28/07 (Prepared by Geyer Associates)		
Bond Funding/Prop. 84 and 1E	Bill Summary	Status
SB 59 (Cogdill) Water Bond 08	Authorizes a \$3.9 billion water bond for the 2008 ballot. Includes \$2 billion for two surface storage facilities. SB 3XX is the new Cogdill bond that the Governor is supporting.	Senate Nat. Resources Two year bill
SB 167 (Negrete McLeod) General Plans: planning grants	Establishes grant and loan program at the Office of Planning and Research for Prop. 84 (Chapter 9(c) \$90 million). Allows cities and counties to apply for funding to update their general plans.	Senate Approp. Two year bill
SB 292 (Wiggins) State Bond Funds: allocation	Requires Cal-EPA and the Resource Agency to develop grant criteria for the urban greening funding in Prop. 84, which contains \$90 million.	Senate Approp. Two year bill
SB 378 (Steinberg) Flood Prevention Bond Act 2006	Specifies that the \$300 million in Prop. 1E for stormwater management would be made available through a joint SWRCB and DWR grant program. The bill authorizes the agencies to prepare guidelines by March 2008. The agencies are required to conduct outreach to disadvantaged communities. There are no north/south split provisions mentioned in the bill.	Assembly WPW Two year bill
SB 732 (Steinberg) Prop. 84	Amendments were taken in the last policy committee to delete the references to the IRWMP "statewide criteria." Now the bill deals with implementing the sustainable communities section of Prop. 84.	Assembly Floor Two Year Bill
SB 1002 (Perata) Prop. 84	Appropriates \$610.89 million in bond funding to the Department of Water Resources for a variety of water-related projects, particularly related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This bill was reintroduced in the Special Session as SB 1XX. The Governor's office has stated he intends to veto the measure.	Enrolled

AB 739 (Laird) Stormwater Discharge	Establishes criteria by which SWRCB and DWR award grants for stormwater management projects funded by a portion of the proceeds of Prop 1E flood bonds and Prop 84.	Enrolled
AB 909 (Wolk) Mercury Monitoring	Allows stormwater grant funds in Prop. 84 to be used for grants to public agencies for addressing mercury contamination.	Two year bill
AB 1297 (Arambula) IRWMP	IRWMP implementation bill.	Two year bill
AB 1303 (Smyth) Urban Greening Act 2007	Establishes an urban greening grant program for Prop. 84 funds. (Chapter 9, (a)).	Assembly Approp. Two year bill
AB 1489 (Huffman & Wolk) Resource Bond Funds	Codifies the Prop. 50 guidelines for the IRWMP and deletes the references to the 2000 Costa bill. Author agreed to remove language that implied all groundwater basins were mismanaged. IEUA and SAWPA have been participating in negotiations with the author and the sponsors. Measure was held in Senate Appropriations Suspense. It might resurface with the water special session.	Senate Approps. Two year bill
AB 1602 (Nunez) Sustainable Communities & Urban Greening	Establishes a grant program in the Resources Agency "Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Grant Program." There is \$90 million in Prop. 84 for this purpose.	Senate E.Q. Two year bill
Flood Control		
SB 5 (Machado) Flood Management	Establishes the roles and responsibilities for the state of California, local governments and landowners in flood management. Double joined to AB 5 (Wolk).	Enrolled
SB 17 (Florez) Reclamation Board and Powers	Gives the "Central Valley Flood Protection Board" new authority over flood control activities in the Central Valley. The bill is backed by Senate leadership.	Enrolled

SB 34 (Torlakson) Delta User Fee	Requires the strategic financing plan for the Delta include recommendations in accordance with a "beneficiaries pay" principle, as to persons and entities on which a fee would be imposed, and proposed fee categories in order to create a dedicated revenue stream to pay for maintenance and improvements to delta levees, project levees, and the levee conveyance system.	Enrolled
AB 5 (Wolk) Flood Protection	Clean up measure double joined to SB 5 (Machado) on flood control.	Enrolled
AB 1507 (Emmerson) Floodplain Management	Requires DWR to establish an Alluvial Fan Task Force.	Assembly Approp. Two year bill
Urban Water Management Plans/Conservation		
SB 862 (Kuehl/ Steinberg) UWMP	Requires the UWMPs to assess energy consumption and Bulletin 160 to assess energy consumption.	Enrolled
AB 1435 (Salas) Water Charges	Requires a local water purveyor that supplies water to retail customers to institute a conservation rate structure based on the amount of water used for other than agricultural purposes for each customers that has a service connection for which a water meter has been installed.	Senate Natural Resources Two year bill
Groundwater		
SB 178 (Steinberg and Kuehl) Groundwater	Established a statewide groundwater elevation monitoring program. Under the provisions of the program, DWR would be required to receive and evaluate qualifications of those seeking to conduct the required monitoring. If there is no entity willing to do the monitoring, DWR would be required to step in. Amendments were taken that removed the opposition from agricultural interests.	Enrolled
Water Quality/Water Supply		

<p>AB 559 (Ruskin) Public Water Systems</p>	<p>Asks the University of California (UC) to direct the UC Center for Water Resources to study the potential adverse affects on human health of compounds used to disinfect drinking water and byproducts resulting from disinfection, with emphasis on chloramine use by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and to report the center's findings to the Legislature by July 1, 2009.</p>	<p>Assembly Approps. Two year bill</p>
<p>AB 690 (Jones) Water Corp. Rates/Contamin ation</p>	<p>States that if a private water corporation receives monetary compensation for damage resulting from contamination of the utility's water supply, the PUC shall require the utility to equitably allocate the compensation between the ratepayers and investors of the utility.</p>	<p>Senate Floor Two year bill</p>
<p>AB 1127 (Carter) Perchlorate</p>	<p>Would authorize DHS to contract with SAWPA for the purposes of assessing and treating drinking water for perchlorate contamination in and around the City of Rialto.</p>	<p>Assembly E.S. & T.M. Two year bill</p>
	<p>Green Buildings</p>	
<p>AB 35 (Ruskin) State Green Buildings</p>	<p>Requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board by 2009 to adopt regulations for sustainable building standards for the construction or renovation of state buildings. Similar language is contained in a budget trailer bill.</p>	<p>Enrolled</p>

Positions/Recommended Positions		
SB 55 (Florez) Biosolids	<p>Broadly defines "biosolids" to include any product with human waste, which would include some compost. Requires POTWs to certify to the regional boards that biosolids meet "the requirements and standards for any pollutant listed in the waste discharge requirement for the POTW, including, but not limited to, any requirements of standards governing the 126 priority toxic pollutants listed in 40 CFR 131.38." This list is designed for surface water issues and includes many compounds not found in biosolids.</p> <p>The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.</p>	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Senate Approps.</p> <p>Two year bill</p>
SB 201 (Florez) Recycled Water Leafy Green	<p>We asked that a section of the bill be deleted that requires extra field testing for recycled water.</p> <p>The Assembly Agriculture Committee did not like the approach of the bill and it was held in committee with no discussion of the recycled water issue.</p>	<p>Oppose unless amended</p> <p>Assembly Ag.</p> <p>Two year bill</p>
SB 220 (Corbett) Bottled Water	<p>Establishes a system for the regulation and inspection of water vending machines and imposes additional labeling requirements on water bottlers and vendors.</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>Enrolled</p>
SB 1029 (Ducheny) Drinking water regulations	<p>Places a time limit on the Department of Finance of 60 days to review drinking water regulations that are already adopted on the federal level. ACWA is the sponsor.</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>Enrolled</p>
AB 224 (Wolk) Climate Change/Water Supply Planning	<p>Requires DWR to assess the possible affects of climate change on water supply. Requires that this information be incorporated into state and local water planning documents. States that if DWR does not provide the information the requirement does not apply. Requires SWRCB to conduct a study on the energy savings and GHG reductions associated with increased use of recycled water and water conservation. The bill was held on</p>	<p>Sponsor</p> <p>Senate Approps.</p> <p>Two year bill</p>

	suspense apparently for political reasons because of issues between the Senate and Assembly. <u>This bill may resurface in the special session.</u>	
AB 503 (Swanson) Overtime Notice/public agencies	<p>Would have prohibited an agency from requiring any employee entitled to receive overtime compensation pursuant to any federal statute or regulation to perform services outside the employee's normal work schedule unless a minimum of 8 hours' written notice of that work assignment has been provided to the employee.</p> <p>Recently amended to a study only, looking at issues related to requiring state and local agencies to provide eight-hours' prior written notice when requiring an employee to work overtime.</p>	<p>Oppose to Neutral</p> <p>Senate Floor</p>
AB 662 (Ruskin) Water use efficiency	Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to prescribe cost effective measures to promote the use of water efficient appliances.	<p>Support</p> <p>Enrolled</p>
AB 566 (Plescia) Landscape Water Conservation	Requires the model landscape ordinance to include climate information for irrigation scheduling based on the California Irrigation Management Information System. IRWD sponsor.	<p>Support</p> <p>Enrolled</p>
AB 715 (Laird) Low-flush Water Closets	Phases in requirements that water closets and water-using urinals have lower flush volumes, requiring manufacturers to produce an increasing percentage of high-efficiency models until 2014 when all new water closets and urinals would have to meet the high-efficiency definition. Allows cities and counties to enact ordinances that would exempt them from this requirement if it was determined that an older system would result in more water being used.	<p>Support</p> <p>Enrolled</p>
AB 885 (Calderon) MWD Board Composition	Restructures the MWD Board of Directors so that no one agency would lose representation, only gain representation. Also requires that MWD study the manner in which members of the Board are designated and selected and the criteria that it uses for determining the number of directors allocated to each member public agency. Central Basin is the sponsor. The bill was held in Senate Local Government. MWD intends to form an internal workgroup to	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Senate Local Government Two Year Bill</p>

	discuss Board representation issues.	
AB 888 (Lieu & Laird) Green Building Standards	Requires CalEPA to develop and adopt building standards for commercial construction that meet or exceed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Standard. Requires that by 2012 all new commercial buildings, 50,000 square feet or larger, meet these new standards. Small newly constructed buildings can waive this requirement for economic purposes.	Support Enrolled
AB 1260 (Caballero) Taxes and Fees	Clarifies how a public agency may provide notice when proposing a new, or increasing an existing, property-related fee or charge, and establishes a 120-day statute of limitations for any challenges to any property-related fee or charge. This bill is sponsored by ACWA and was introduced in response to the <u>Big Horn</u> decision last fall.	Support Enrolled
AB 1404 (Laird) Water use Reporting	Establishes comprehensive system for reporting water use. Specifically, it requires DWR, the SWRCB and DPH to develop a coordinated water use reporting database.	Support Enrolled
AB 1406 (Huffman) Recycled Water in Condos	Allows the use of recycled water in toilets and urinals in condominiums. Sponsored by IRWD. Recently opposed by DPH and Department of Finance because of concern over cross-connections.	Support Enrolled
AB 1420 (Laird) UWMP Conservation	As recently amended, would require DWR to use a urban water agency's compliance with the demand management measures in the UWMP as the eligibility criteria for grants and loans. It allows for an agency to not be implementing all the demand measures and still be eligible for grants if it submits documentation demonstrating that those measures it is not implementing are not locally cost effective. Allows DWR to consider the BMPs when developing the guidelines and leaves to the department's discretion what conservation measures known and unknown it will require. Provide for a technical panel that will provide advice to the Legislature for potential amendments to the 14 demand measures in the UWMP.	Support Enrolled

AB 1481 (De LaTorre) Water Recycling General Permit	Sponsored by LADWP. Requires that SWRCB prepare a general permit by 2010 for water recycling for landscape irrigation.	Support Enrolled
AB 1560 (Huffman) Building Standards	Requires the CEC to prescribe by regulation, water conservation design standards for new residential construction and new nonresidential buildings.	Support Enrolled

Water Special Session Legislation (9/28/07)

Bills	Summary	Status	Position
SB 2X 1 (Perata)	Appropriates \$610 million from Prop. 84 and Prop IE for near term actions in the Delta and for groundwater and flood control purposes. Same as SB 1002 (Perata) now pending in the regular session.	SNR Oct. 4	
SB 2X 2 (Perata)	<p>Authorizes a \$5.8 billion water bond for the February 2008 ballot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1 billion for Delta ecosystem restoration • \$1.4 billion for implementing Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendation on the Delta (conveyance) • \$2 billion for IRWMP • \$1 billion for watershed protection • \$400 million for groundwater. <p>IEUA is asking that both bonds add \$500 million for recycled water projects. (See IEUA and SAWPA letters)</p>	SNR Oct. 4	Support with Amendments
SB 2X 3 (Cogdill)	<p>Authorizes a water bond for the Feb. 2008 ballot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.1 billion in surface storage • \$500 million for groundwater storage • \$1.9 billion for Delta restoration and conveyance • \$1 billion for IRWMP • \$500 million for watershed protection <p>IEUA is asking that both bonds add \$500 million for recycled water projects. (See IEUA and SAWPA letters)</p>	SNR Oct. 4	Support with Amendments
SB 2X 4 (Cogdill)	The bill appropriates \$552 million in previously authorized bond funds from Prop. 84 and IE for near term Delta projects and for projects that clean up groundwater and help reduce flooding.	SRN Oct. 4	
AB 2X 1 (Laird)	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact a comprehensive delta sustainability, water reliability, and water quality general obligation bond act to be submitted for voter approval in an unspecified 2008 election.		
AB 2X 2 (Laird)	This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to invest state funding in programs and projects that improve the state's water supply reliability and promote certain principles.		

<p>AB 2X 3 (Laird)</p>	<p>This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to review an adopt a comprehensive strategy to resolve the issues of water supply reliability, ecosystem restoration, water quality, and levee system integrity in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.</p>		
<p>AB 2X 4 (Villines)</p>	<p>Nearly identical to SB 2X4. It appropriates \$552 million in previously authorized bond funds from Prop. 84 and IE for near term Delta projects and for projects that clean up groundwater and help reduce flooding.</p>		
<p>AB 2X 5 (De Vore)</p>	<p>This bill would authorize the Energy Commission to certify one new nuclear fission thermal reactor located at the site of an existing operating nuclear fission thermal powerplant, if not less than 20% of the electricity generated by the reactor is dedicated to powering desalinization facilities to produce additional fresh water from salt water and the generating capacity of the reactor does not exceed 2,000 megawatts.</p>		

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Assembly Democrats Introduce Legislation in Special Session on Water

SACRAMENTO--Assembly Democrats are introducing the first pieces of the legislation they will be advancing during the special legislative session to address California's looming water crisis. The initial Assembly bills establish principles for what a final proposal should reflect and address issues including: the immediate crisis in the Delta; a comprehensive strategy that speaks to the state's water challenges in a timely and cost-effective manner; a safe, clean and reliable water supply for all Californians, particularly disadvantaged communities; and ensuring fiscal responsibility and accountability.

"These principles will be the lens that any water policy will be filtered through in the Assembly," said Assemblymember John Laird (D-Santa Cruz), leader of the Assembly working group on water. "In articulating these principles, the Assembly is seeking to ensure that anyone who shares in a solution also shares in the sacrifices necessary to bring that solution about. In technical terms, everyone has to give something to get something."

The initial Assembly bills are:

- AB 2X 1 Assembly Democratic Bond Intent
- AB 2X 2 Assembly Democratic Water Supply Reliability
- AB 2X 3 Assembly Democratic Delta Sustainability

The Assembly action complements proposals pending in the State Senate. The Assembly Republican caucus is also expected to be introducing bills.

"We're pulling together many various pieces of a difficult puzzle to develop a responsible and achievable plan that will provide a safe, sufficient and sustainable water supply for every Californian," Laird said. "Senate President pro Tem Don Perata and his team have been moving quickly to get water legislation into shape. We will work closely with them and I am confident the same cooperative spirit that brought us last year's historic infrastructure bonds will flourish again this year."

While the Secretary of State has announced an extended date for placing a bond on the February ballot, Laird cautioned that the complexity of the issue and the potential size of a bond to go before voters will require a significant amount of time for review.

"From improving drinking water quality, to improving regional water supply reliability, to protecting the state's vital Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta, there are a lot of complex

issues on the table – but as the Assembly works out the puzzle, all the pieces will be examined carefully to make sure there's clean, reliable water at the tap.”

The bills will be in print and text available Thursday September 27 through the legislative portal: (www.asm.ca.gov)

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Perata Op Ed piece on Water Special Session

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Capitol Weekly

Fixing water, levees, ecosystems imperative

By Don Perata

(published September 27th, 2007)

California is on the precipice of a serious water crisis. A federal judge has already told us that we have to fix the Delta or Southern California will lose 30 percent of its drinking water. That is simply not a sustainable situation.

Last year we made major progress in rebuilding California. Voters agreed that it had been too long since California had invested in its critical infrastructure, such as levees. It's time to continue that work. Our proposed bond would invest \$5.8 billion in our aging water system.

The time to act is now. The governor called a special session because this matter has urgency. I don't want to be the guy standing up next year when the Delta pumps have been turned off explaining why we couldn't get anything done.

A federal judge ruled that current water pumping in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta violates federal law by degrading the environment and jeopardizing the existence of endangered fish species.

People understand that when there are a lot of potholes you need to invest in transportation. It's harder to understand when water needs to be fixed. This time, a judge has told us. So whatever the Legislature and governor do must have electoral viability. Voters want to see clean water coming out of their tap.

They know that conservation and groundwater clean-up help do that. On the other hand, dams are expensive, do not solve the immediate problem and primarily benefit corporate farmers.

Voters also expect us to spend bond money once they approve it. That's why all year we worked on SB 1002, which takes \$610 million of already approved bond money for water and flood protection and moves it out the door.

If the governor wanted to show true leadership on water issues he would sign this bill immediately. Every water agency in the state has supported this bill. He could line-item veto certain appropriations if he wanted. But the bill deserves his signature, not a veto threat.

SB 1002 is the first step. It increases reliable water supply from groundwater cleanup in Los Angeles to stabilizing the Delta.

The next step is my bond proposal, SB 2 XX, which includes money to improve water supply and reliability, fix the Delta and allow for regional solutions.

It's good that the governor has finally produced his own water plan. In this case, it seems imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. His plan mirrors mine but adds on \$5 billion devoted solely to three dam sites.

These dams are a decade or more away from being built and provide no water supply benefit to the millions of people in the Bay Area or south of the Tehachapi's. Any ballot measure

including money specifically earmarked for dams is likely to attract opposition from environmentalists. Voters don't understand the need for dams and if significant opposition is generated the entire plan could fail.

SB 2 XX includes \$2 billion for regional grants to improve water supply reliability. It does not exclude dams as long as that is the fastest, cheapest and most efficient way to increase water supply.

People who support dams ought not to be afraid of the process. Dams should be able to stand on their own and compete with other projects -- not get a lock on the money.

Our bill also emphasizes regional decision making rather than investing control in the Department of Water Resources. The regional agencies are the experts. Doesn't it make more sense to have regional water agencies decide how best to meet their water needs, not some bureaucrat in Sacramento? Our proposal sets up a competitive process in each region to find the projects that provide the most water at the lowest cost.

SB 2 XX addresses the most immediate problems in the Delta: fixing the levees and restoring the ecosystem. But it also lays the foundation for a more permanent fix, with \$2.4 billion going toward Delta restoration. It will incorporate ideas that come out of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delta later this year.

Californians understand the need to continue with our Rebuild California efforts. They want to live in a state where they know they will have clean, reliable drinking water.

Our goal is to approve a bond measure that will not only meet the immediate needs of Californians, but also earn their votes. The time for action is now.

Don Perata (D-09) is the President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate



Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

September 27, 2007

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Honorable Darrell Steinberg
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RE: SB2X & SB3X: Support with Amendments

Dear Chairman Steinberg:

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) would like to commend legislative leaders for recognizing California's emerging water crisis and for proposing comprehensive solutions to address both the State's near-term crisis and long-term needs. SAWPA is committed to the development of a comprehensive solution that addresses water quality, water supply and the environment, and appreciates this opportunity to comment on the major proposals.

SAWPA is the State's leading regional water planning agency comprised of the major water agencies in Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange Counties. SAWPA member agencies serve one of the State's and nation's fastest growing areas. As a result, we fully recognize the importance of providing a safe, clean, reliable and sufficient water supply to the region's residents and businesses.

SAWPA member agencies believe there are characteristics of SB2X and SB3X and approaches being discussed in Sacramento that show merit and deserve support. We encourage lawmakers and the administration to ultimately meld these proposals into a workable, comprehensive solution that addresses the State's short and long-term water needs, including:

Delta Sustainability – Near-term actions to shore up the environmental and ecological health of the Delta are critical in light of the recent "Wanger" Federal court decision. Twenty-five million residents, key businesses and the State's major farming areas depend on the Delta for all, or a significant portion of, their water supplies. Short-term reliability of existing supplies can be achieved only when the current regulatory uncertainty with pumping operations is fully addressed.

Conveyance – Development of the infrastructure necessary to reliably move water in California is critical to the ecological health of the Delta, the environment, water quality

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and water supply reliability. The State must be poised to pursue the actions recommended by the Delta Vision Commission, which are expected this year. Any bond that emerges from the legislature this year must pave the way for quick implementation.

Supply – Major investment in State and regional water supply infrastructure also is necessary. Surface storage, groundwater banking, water recycling, and the other water supply options should all be considered and pursued. Funding should be provided to those facilities that demonstrate State and regional benefits and ability to leverage local matching dollars.

Water Quality – Funding to support water quality improvements in groundwater through desalination and ion exchange also is important. Water quality improvements also are critical in treatment of wastewater for water recycling use, surface water recharge and ecosystem restoration.

Water Recycling – In order to meet the State-wide goal of 1 million acre-feet of recycled water, and in recognition that there is over 400,000 acre-feet in recycled water projects that are already approved by the State Water Resources Control Board and only need State funding to be immediately implemented, SAWPA encourages prompt and continuing investment in water recycling infrastructure. For every drop of recycled water that can be developed and utilized, there is a corresponding decrease in the need of having to use potable water for that same need.

Conservation – Recognition of the importance of water conservation and water use efficiency should be integrated into water infrastructure funding needs. Promoting and implementing programs that conserve and save water are typically one of the most cost effective means of meeting water needs while decreasing water demand for the future.

Specific programs and amendments SAWPA believes should be part of any final bond include the following:

1. **Regional Water Supply Reliability** – SB2X of SB3X should be augmented to increase funding to \$2 billion to further regional supply projects consistent with adopted integrated regional water management plans.
2. **New Water Storage and Supply Development** – SB2X and SB3X should be amended to consider all forms of potential water supply options in addition to surface and groundwater storage. Population growth and changing precipitation patterns dictates a balanced array of water supply options including surface storage, groundwater banking, recycling and other options. \$500,000 million should be allocated to fund the existing water recycling program at the State Water Resources Control Board. The Department of

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Water Resources should quickly review all other proposed water supply development projects, determine feasibility, as well as statewide benefits and local funding commitments, and award matching grants on an appropriate and balanced basis.

Again, we encourage legislative leaders to work cooperatively toward the development of a comprehensive short- and long-term water solution for the State. The environmental health and continued economic prosperity of our great State is dependent on your success. We look forward to participating in the discussions.

Sincerely,

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority



Ronald Sullivan
Chair

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RE: SB 2X 2 and SB 2X 3 – Support with Amendments

Dear Senator Steinberg:

On behalf of Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), I would like to thank legislative leaders for their work in developing water bonds to help address the problems in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the immediate water supply challenges facing Southern California.

IEUA is a member agency of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, which has also submitted a comment letter on the bond proposals. IEUA would like to echo those comments and suggested changes made in that comprehensive letter, including the need for additional funding to immediately enhance local supplies in Southern California.

In particular, IEUA would like to emphasize the need for additional funding for recycled water. We ask that you provide \$500 million in any water bond measure that moves forward to fund the existing water recycling program at the State Water Resources Control Board, "Water Recycling Funding Program" (Section 79135 of the Water Code). Funding the existing SWRCB "Competitive Project List" will expand the state's water supply by 400,000 acre-feet a year. However, this list represents only a small fraction of the recycling projects that can provide *immediate* supplemental nonpotable water supply for Southern California. In fact, the most recent California Water Plan update identified 1.5 million acre-feet a year in new water supply by 2030 from potential recycled water projects. Recycled water is the state's only growing water supply and it is impervious to the impacts of climate change. Water recycling also uses less energy than imported supplies and its use reduces the quantity of treated wastewater discharged to sensitive or impaired waters. The SWRCB's existing program is well run and requires significant local matching funds. Just as groundwater projects warrant separate funding outside of the IRWM program, we believe recycled water can similarly provide immediate water supply benefits for Southern California.

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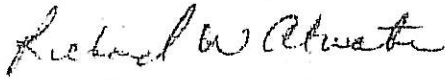
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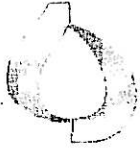
Once again, IEUA encourages you and other legislative leaders to work cooperatively toward the development of a comprehensive short and long-term water solution for California. Please feel free to call me at (909) 357-0241 with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,



Richard Atwater
General Manager/CEO

cc: Senator Dave Cogdill
Senator Don Perata
Members, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
Members, Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee



Inland Empire
UTILITIES AGENCY

Date: October 17, 2007
To: The Honorable Board of Directors
Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (10/10/07)
From: Richard W. Atwater *RWA*
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Submitted by: Martha Davis *MD*
Executive Manager of Policy Development
Subject: September Legislative Report from Innovative Federal Strategies, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Letitia White provides a monthly report on their federal activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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Comprehensive Government Relations

MEMORANDUM

To: Martha Davis and Rich Atwater
IEUA

From: Letitia White and Alex Shockey

Date: September 29, 2007

Re: September Monthly Legislative Update

There has been quite a bit of activity in Congress during the month of September, although not very much as been accomplished on the appropriations front. While the House has passed all twelve appropriations bills, the Senate has only managed to pass four. Not one of these four has been "conferenced" with the House or sent to the President. And with the fiscal year ending on September 30th, that is a problem!

So, this week, the House and Senate worked quickly to pass and send to the President two critical bills facing an October 1st deadline: a continuing (stopgap funding) resolution (CR) and a debt limit increase. The CR continues funding at current 2007 levels through November 16th and will keep funds flowing to federal programs whose authorizations lapse on September 30th, including the food stamp program, the Federal Aviation Administration and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). It also continues funding for the war in Iraq. On the debt limit front, the limit was increased by \$850 million as the Treasury Department has said the U.S. will likely will reach its current limit of \$8.965 trillion on Monday, October 1st.

So what do we have to look forward to before there is closure to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations process? The House and Senate leadership must decide how and when they will begin moving regular fiscal 2008 spending bills to President Bush. They must also decide whether to send the bills individually, group them together as "minibuses" or send one huge "omnibus" bill. The President has threatened to veto most of the fiscal 2008 spending bills because they exceed his requests and would spend \$23 billion more than his proposed \$933 billion cap. Most Congressional observers expect Bush to follow through on his veto threats and there is some speculation about a federal government shut-down, the likes of which we have not seen since 1995, when Congress switched parties the last time.

In addition to the regular appropriations bills, in the coming months the Congress must also tackle funding for the next Iraq War supplemental appropriations bill. Although the President has not formally submitted all the paperwork to complete his budget request to Congress, the Bush Administration has indicated that a \$193 billion-plus request for war funding is imminent. This money would be in addition to the regular 2008 defense appropriations dollars and is a source of much political strife.

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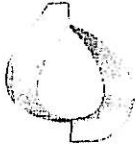
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One accomplishment of note this month is the passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) conference report. This legislation is supposed to be reauthorized every other year but Congress has failed to do so since 2000. Finally, the House and Senate have now passed the conference report and it is ready to go to the President. The President, however, has said that he will veto the bill due to excessive spending but both the House and Senate have enough votes to override his veto. This bill authorizes an estimated \$23 billion in Army Corps of Engineers water infrastructure projects.

Another necessary accomplishment this month was the passage of legislation to reauthorize several very important FDA programs. With the possibility of layoffs looming at the Food and Drug Administration when the current authorization expires at the end of the month, the Congress sent H.R. 3580 to the President who signed it into law. This law represents months of negotiations between the House and Senate to craft an acceptable compromise.

A third controversial bill was also passed this month and is set to go to the President. The \$35 billion State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) will officially now head to the White House, where the President plans to veto it. Congressional leadership is discussing how to handle a veto override vote, when it should occur and who might switch their vote. The legislation did not pass the House and Senate with a two-thirds, veto proof margin.

We look forward to a busy October that produces resolution of the 2008 appropriations process. As always, we will keep you posted.



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From: Richard W. Atwater *RWA*
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Submitted by: Martha Davis *MD*
Executive Manager of Policy Development
Subject: September Legislative Report from Agricultural Resources

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Dave Weiman provides a monthly report on his federal activities on behalf of IEUA.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

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September 28, 2007

Legislative Report

TO: Richard W. Atwater
CEO/General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

FR: David M. Weiman
Agricultural Resources
LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, IEUA

SU: Legislative Report, September 2007

Highlights:

- ! Congress Back – Traditional General Election Begins
- ! Senate Energy Committee Action Pending on Recycling Legislation
- ! Delta Situation, New Justification for Title XVI
- ! Farm Bill Policy – Policy and Process
- ! Drought Conditions
- ! News and Notes
- ! IEUA Working Partners

Congress Back – Traditional General Election “Season” Begins. After Labor Day, Congress returned from its August break. Awaiting Congress was a packed agenda for the last month of the fiscal year (September – federal fiscal year begins October 1). The House passed all the annual funding bills, but the Senate has been unable to complete action on them. Iraq continues to dominate the agenda. And, Labor Day traditionally signals the beginning of the presidential campaign – it did.

Senate Energy Committee Action Pending on Recycling Legislation.. The IEUA-Cucamonga (Feinstein-Dreier) bill is cleared for markup in the Senate Energy Committee. We are waiting for the next scheduled markup. This is not just an ordinary scheduling issue. Energy Committee bills are being held on the Floor (some 80 bills are already pending) for political reasons (some senators are opposing ALL Energy Committee bills because of their cost – and the national economy's deficit posture. As significantly, the Energy Committee is preoccupied with negotiations on national energy legislation. A Committee markup has been delayed pending the disposition of the pending energy legislation. The IEUA-Cucamonga bill is cleared for committee action. No issues are pending and every question has been answered. Other, larger issues are dominating the committee calendar. We are in a "hurry-up-and-wait" posture.

Delta Situation – Court Actions in California New Justification for Title XVI. Southern California is facing potentially severe cutbacks of water deliveries from the State Water Project. Stating the obvious, recycled water "stretches" existing supplies. IEUA is making this argument with the Committees. Water agencies are today facing a new generation of risk – levees in the Delta (Katrina situation), climate change, extended and erratic drought conditions, and water supply interruptions such as those emerging at the Delta. Recycled water is one answer – it's proven, it works, and most of all, it stretches limited water supplies. More and more, on the Hill, among the water agencies, and even more generally, folks are looking up and asking hard questions about the Bureau of Reclamation and its priorities.

Farm Bill Policy-Schedule for Farm Bill. The current farm bill expires on September 30. At that moment, the current program expires. The Senate Ag Committee is facing a serious challenge putting a bill together. The Committee Chair, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), is struggling to fashion a bill. The same tension that existed in the House – spending for traditional programs versus spending priorities for energy, conservation, nutrition and other "non-traditional" farm programs – is at work in the Senate.

Presently, several things are occurring (mostly in conflict).

- * Harkin is trying to get a bill into the Ag Committee and a markup scheduled.
- * Harkin has also floated the possibility that the existing (expired) farm program will simply be extended for one-two years).
- * Senators Kent Conrad (D-ND), the Budget Committee Chair, and Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), the ranking GOP member on Ag (and its former Chair) are working to create a substitute – more for traditional ag and basically take control of the bill – away from Harkin.
- * Meanwhile, Senator Baucus, Chair of Senate Finance, is attempting to provide revenues for the farm bill, but restrict them to Title I (traditional farm program payments).

IEUA is attempting to work with all factions on responsible policy that makes IEUA and other similar water agencies/districts eligible for USDA funding for the digester, and within the farm bill, provide authority for funding for such programs.

The Senate Ag Committee was scheduled to mark up the bill in September. Now, the target is early October, but few believe that will occur at the date established. But, the target date is late the first week of the month. They might start markup, do a title or two, and then schedule another markup only after some kind of agreement is fashioned. The Senate Finance Committee markup is facing its own challenges (controversial immigration issues are likely to be raised). Right now, situation remains unclear.

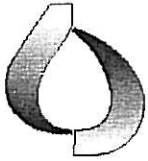
Drought Conditions. According to the USDA/NOAA Drought Monitor as of the end of September shows drought conditions in the West centered on along the spine of the Rocky Mountain states. Approximately one-third of the entire State of California is in a condition described as "extreme," almost all of which is located/centered throughout Southern California (and all of the MWD service area). All of California is in some state of drought, though it's relatively modest in the northern part of the state.

News and Notes. *Mike Johanns*, the Secretary of Agriculture, abruptly announced he was stepping down to run for the US Senate from Nebraska. The President has named an "Acting Secretary" but a successor has not been nominated yet. *Corps Authorization bill (WRDA)* finally passed the Senate with more than 80 senators supporting it. A veto threat is pending. Senator Boxer was criticized for including provisions and funding authority for projects on the Santa Ana River. *USDA, at Tampa Water Recycling Meeting*, made an excellent presentation on the value of recycled water. *California AG, Jerry Brown.* In a global warming settlement with San Bernardino County expressly identified water recycling as one of the "mitigation" items. *Bureau of Reclamation.* With drought, climate change, court restrictions on pumping and other risk factors looming, the Bureau has been silent. The propose nothing to Congress. This is noted, and members on both sides of the aisle and in both Houses are becoming increasingly impatient with the deliberate lack of initiative.

IEUA Continues to Work With Various Partners. On an on-going basis in Washington, IEUA continues to work with:

- a. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
- b. Milk Producer's Council (MPC)
- c. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)
- d. Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- e. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)
- f. WaterReuse Association
- g. CALStart
- h. Orange County Water District (OCWD)
- i. Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD)
- j. Western Municipal Water District
- k. Chino Basin Watermaster

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Date: October 17, 2007

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (10/10/07)

From: Richard W. Atwater
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Submitted by: Sondra Elrod
Public Information Officer

Subject: Public Outreach and Communications

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

Outreach/Tours/Workshop

- September 17, 2007, Rand Workshop, IEUA Event Center, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 21, 2007, Chino Hills Day at the LA County Fair. (**Anderson**)
- September 26, 2007, IEUA Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grand Avenue Park, Chino Hills.
- September 28, 2007, Fontana Day at the LA County Fair. (**Santiago**)
- October 4 – 7, 2007, Mark Christopher Charity Classic, Empire Lakes Golf Course, 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- October 18, 2007, Local Government Commission and CSUSB Water Resources *Linking Land Use and Water in the Santa Ana Region*, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., IEUA Event Center
- October 18, 2007, One Water-One Watershed Town Hall meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., California Citrus State Park, 9400 Dufferin Avenue, Sunkist Center, Riverside.
- October 20, 2007, annual regional Water Fair, Montclair Plaza, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- October 25, 2007, San Antonio Water Company 125th Anniversary Celebration, 4:00 p.m.. 139 North Euclid Avenue
- October 27, 2007 Chino Basin Water Conservation District open house/pumpkin sale, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- October 31, 2007, IEUA hosted blood drive from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- December 20, 2007, IEUA Holiday Luncheon, Los Serranos Country Club, 11:30 a.m.
- April 25 – 27, 2008, IEUA/MWD Director Koopman's Agricultural Inspection Trip.

OUTREACH/EDUCATIONAL INLAND VALLEY DAILY BULLETIN NEWSPAPER CAMPAIGN

- Conservation Tip, September 9, 2007.
- Garden in Every School ad, September 15, 2007.

WATER CONSERVATION OUTREACH

MWD, now in the sixth week, has had a great response to their radio and print ad campaign. Their plan is to run the ads through December, then take a break for the holidays and probably resume in January. The ads are running on 121 radio stations, 27 print publications and seven local websites. The ads include Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese and Korean. They have seen a 60% increase in visitors to bewaterwise.com since the campaign began from that of last year. Region wide, 72% of Southern Californians have heard the ads about water conservation and 66% say they have changed their behavior in the past three months to save more water.

IEUA is working with its local school districts to get the *20 Gallon Challenge* conservation tips into our elementary schools. IEUA is submitting conservation tip messages to our local chambers for their newsletters and to our local newspapers. IEUA is also working on getting a PSA on all of our local TV channels.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

Safe, Reliable Recycled Water

Recycled Water is a safe, reliable and cost-effective approach to managing Southern California's limited water resource and plays a large part toward water conservation in the Chino Basin.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency, in partnership with its local city and water agencies, meet the needs of over 800,000 residents, and water recycling is a reliable source that is needed to meet current and future water demands. Besides supplementing our limited water supplies, recycled water is also drought-proofing the rapidly growing Inland Empire.

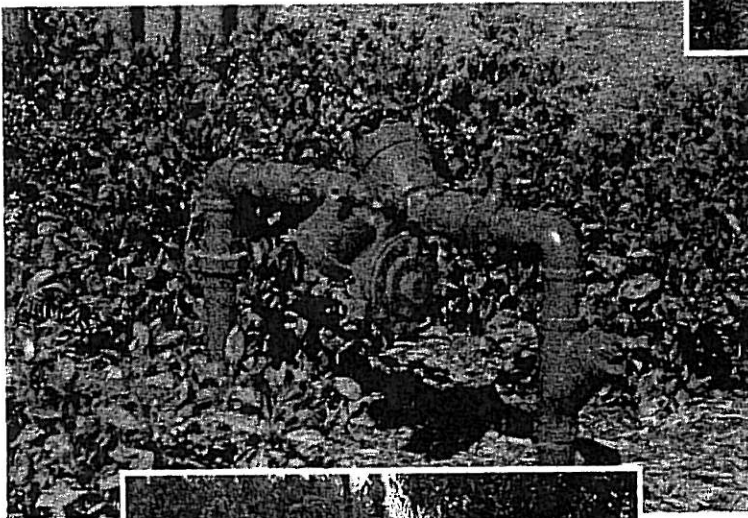
"With the population projected to dramatically increase in the near future, the Chino Basin Water Conservation District believes that the use of recycled water will be increasingly necessary as an effective means of coping with the increased demand. The certainty of intermittent regional drought occurring in the future, demands the increased use of recycled water as a vital tool in the protection of our water resources." Chino Basin Water Conservation District Board President Paul Hofer.

Is recycled water safe to use?
Of course it is. Especially when you realize that all water on this planet has been recycled millions of times already since it first existed. As children, we are taught in school about the water cycle, and as adults we need to remember that recycled water is a vital renewable resource.

Recycled water is intended to be used for non-drinking uses. Landscape irrigation is the single largest use for recycled water within IEUA's service area. In addition, recycled water is used for industrial processing, cooling towers, and dust control at construction sites. Furthermore, recycled water may be used in recreational lakes, ponds and ornamental fountains, for wetlands restoration and for the irrigation of commercial nurseries and crops. By replacing these water-intensive applications with high quality recycled water, fresh water can be conserved and used for other purposes such as drinking and bathing. Every drop of recycled water made is potentially a drop of potable water saved.

"The closest we can get to making new water, is making better use of recycled water. Recycled water creates a reliable supply of water. It only makes sense to use this high quality water for outdoor irrigation, construction watering and industrial processing leaving our precious drinking water for our indoor uses, such as drinking, cooking and bathing." IEUA Board President Wyatt Troxel.

Keep this in mind, the water we save this year is the water we may need next year. So remember, when you see purple pipe, you see recycled water being used. Recycled water is one way of helping drought-proof our region.

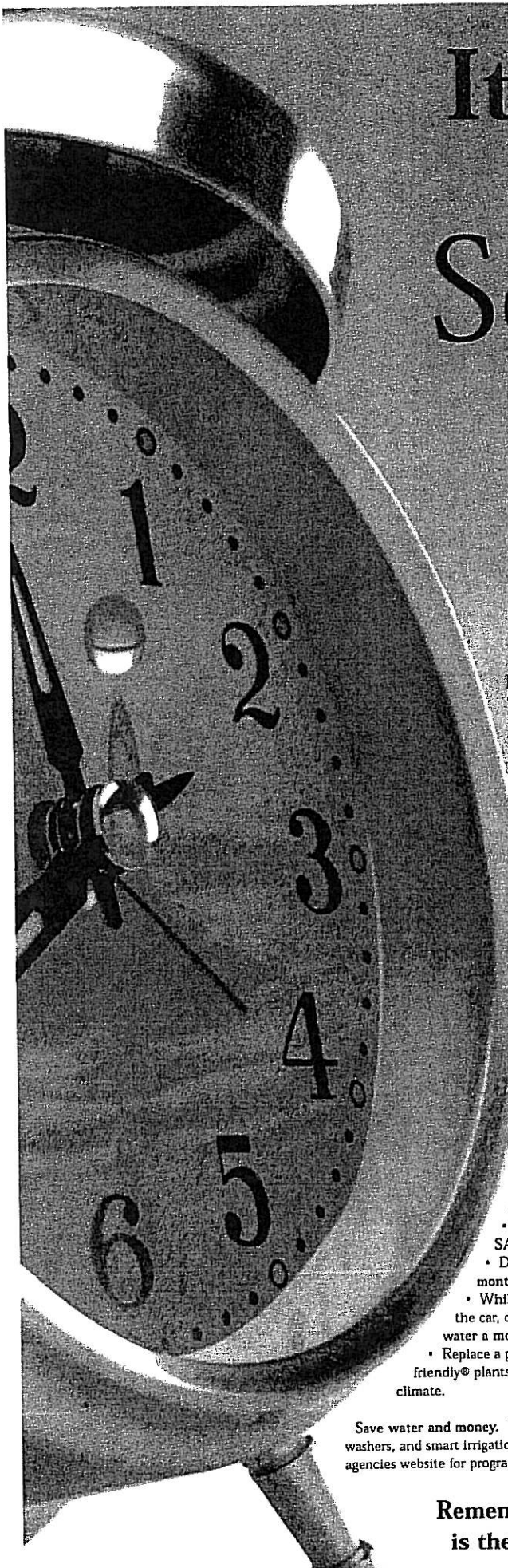


"With the help of federal legislation sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman David Dreier, over \$30 million in federal funding will be available to dramatically expand the recycled water distribution system for the Inland Empire - one of the fastest growing regions in the United States." Ken Willis, Chairman, Chino Basin Watermaster and Upland City Councilman



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Inland Empire Utilities Agency • Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair, Ontario, and Upland

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It is Time to Get Serious about Saving Water

It is the driest year on record for California, so now is the time to get serious about saving water. It is as simple as joining the "20 Gallon Challenge."

For example, just by doing these three simple things you can save over 20 gallons a day:

- Fix that leaky faucet and SAVE 10 – 20 gallons per leak
- Cut your shower by two minutes and SAVE 5 gallons per shower
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and SAVE 2 gallons per minute

Other ways to save:

- Replace your old washing machine with a new, high-efficiency model. SAVE 20 to 30 gallons per load. Plus, receive a \$100 Rebate when you purchase a high-efficiency clothes washer.
- Install a new "smart" sprinkler controller that figures out the right amount of water for your landscape based on information about your plants and garden environment. In one study, these new controllers SAVED 40 gallons a day. Install a SmarTimer irrigation controller and receive a Rebate for up to \$240.
- Adjust your sprinklers so they hit your lawn and garden, not walkways, and you will SAVE 500 gallons of water a month.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. SAVE 150 gallons or more each time.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. SAVE 300 to 800 gallons a month.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. SAVE 400 to 600 gallons a month.
- While brushing your teeth, doing dishes by hand, shaving or washing the car, don't let the water run freely. SAVE hundreds of gallons of water a month.
- Replace a portion of your lawn with beautiful native and California friendly® plants. SAVE 1,000 to 1,800 gallons a month depending on your climate.

Save water and money. Take advantage of rebates for water-saving toilets, clothes washers, and smart irrigation controllers. Visit www.bewaterwise.com, or your local water agencies website for program details, conservation tips, and more!

**Remember, the water we save today
is the water we'll need tomorrow.**

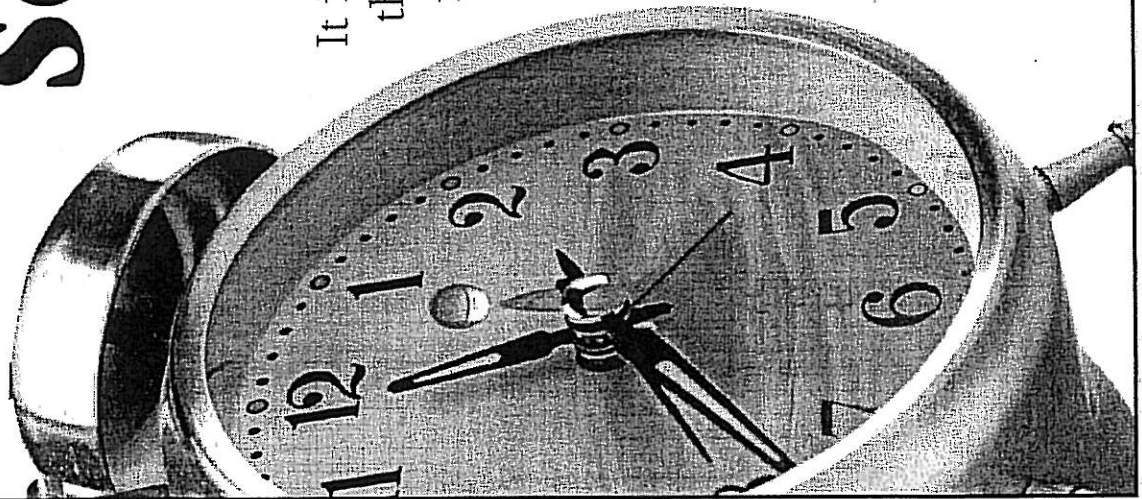
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Remember, the water we save today is the water we'll need tomorrow.

For more information visit www.bewaterwise.com



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Learn how to stop flushing your money down the drain!



COME TO THE
WATER FAIR
2007

WIN A FREE



CLOTHES
WASHER

When: Saturday, October 20, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where: Montclair Plaza

Inside Lower Level Main Entrance

Water Fair Includes:

- Information on how to save water indoors and outdoors
- Displays on how to save money through rebates
- Demonstrations on how to save water and money using efficient devices
- Information for teachers
- Entertainment and fun water activities for the kids

RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS

FREE raffle prizes include a high efficiency clothes washer, toilet, and more!

Prizes will be raffled throughout the fair.

Must be present to win.

FREE giveaways include hose nozzles, and more!*



This is a FREE Water Fair for you and your family, sponsored by Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Chino Basin Watermaster, Covina Irrigation Company, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana Water Company, Golden State Water Company (areas of Claremont and San Dimas), Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Monte Vista Water District, Rowland Water District, San Antonio Water Company, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Valencia Heights, Walnut Valley Water District, and the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Ontario, Pomona, Upland.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (909) 993-1747



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Landscape - Water Conservation Festival

Petting Zoo

Free Face Painting

Family Fun For Everyone

Drought Tolerant

Free Admission

Date & Time:

October 27, 2007
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Plants for Sale

Irrigation Demos

Location:


Chino Basin Water Conservation District
4594 San Bernardino St.
Montclair, CA
909-626-2711

Free Drawings

Fun for kids



Sponsored by:

 Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Fun for Everyone

Pumpkins for Sale

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Landscape Alliance

Tour of Best Management Practices

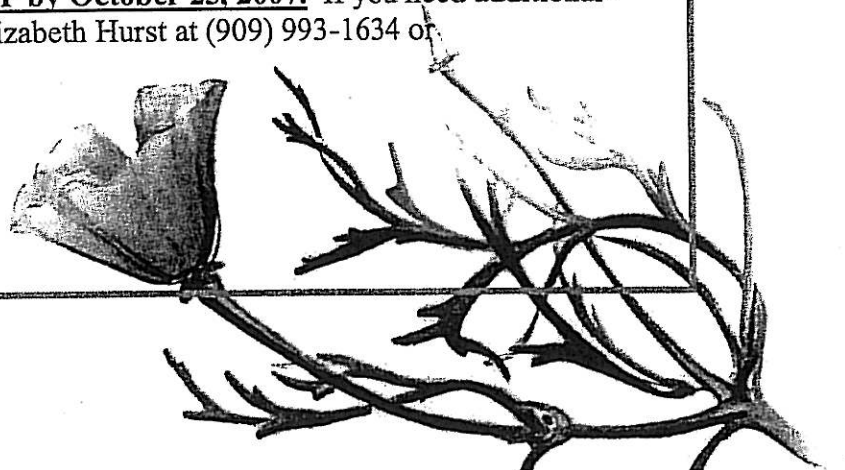
The Preserve
15871 Main Street
Chino, California 91708
Thursday, November 1, 2007
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Inland Empire Landscape Alliance is pleased to invite you to a tour involving Best Management Practices. The tour will begin at the Preserve in Chino and a bus will be transporting you from there.

The workshop will include a complementary breakfast and lunch.

We look forward to your participation!

Space is limited! Please RSVP by October 25, 2007. If you need additional information, please contact Elizabeth Hurst at (909) 993-1634 or ehurst@ieua.org.



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NEWS RELEASE

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MEDIA ADVISORY
September 28, 2007

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ACWA Votes to Oppose Eminent Domain Proposal *Draft Initiative Could Affect Needed Water Projects*

Sacramento — The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) today voted to oppose a proposed initiative on eminent domain that could derail needed groundwater and surface water storage projects around the state.

The initiative, known as the California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act, purports to protect the rights of property owners by prohibiting public agencies from taking property from one private owner and giving it to another, while preserving government's ability to utilize eminent domain under specific conditions.

Authors of the measure include the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Alliance to Protect Private Property Rights.

ACWA members expressed concern that the initiative's language could be interpreted to block acquisition of land for water storage and other projects. An analysis by three ACWA policy committees found there is considerable ambiguity in the language, and noted that ambiguity could pose problems for water agencies pursuing needed projects.

In addition, the initiative as drafted conflicts with several policy principles adopted by ACWA's Board of Directors last year. The principles, which are intended to guide ACWA's position on legislative or initiative proposals concerning eminent domain, state that the association will oppose any proposal that limits a water agency's right to make use of property acquired by eminent domain or that adds to the costs or burdens imposed on water agencies in the condemnation process.

ACWA is a statewide association of public agencies whose 450 members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California. For more information, visit www.acwa.com.

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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles





The Web Site of The Sacramento Bee

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Governor worries over bid to limit land seizures

By Kevin Yamamura - Bee Capitol Bureau

Published 12:00 am PDT Wednesday, August 22, 2007

A proposed initiative limiting how governments seize private property has drawn concerns from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and a Republican state senator that it could block construction of dams and a Delta canal.

A legal analysis issued this week by Richard Martland, a former state attorney general official, argues that the eminent domain initiative would prevent government from taking private land "for the consumption of natural resources," including water storage. Martland wrote the analysis for initiative opponents, including environmentalists and local governments.

The initiative is backed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the California Farm Bureau Federation after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2005 allowed cities to transfer property from one private owner to another for redevelopment, enraging property rights groups.

Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis group, charged Tuesday that the Martland analysis was flawed because Coupal believes the initiative does not restrict large public works projects. Proponents have circulated petitions since June and plan to collect the necessary 694,354 signatures without changing the initiative language, he said.

Though the analysis was written for opponents, some state leaders, including one who backed an unsuccessful eminent domain change last year, say the initiative's wording raises eyebrows and demands further legal interpretation.

"As I read it, there's certainly reason for concern for what it means for the future of water projects in California, especially as it pertains to new water storage," said state Sen. Dave Cogdill, R-Modesto, who backed an eminent domain initiative last year. "We'll continue to monitor it, and hopefully we can find some resolution here."

Cogdill carried legislation this year for Schwarzenegger that included a \$5.9 billion bond for new water storage and conservation. The governor and legislative Republicans have made water storage one of their top priorities this year.

The Republican governor spent Tuesday in Los Angeles with U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., at a meeting they convened to explore ways to improve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and California's water system.

Purported Eminent Domain Measure Threatens State's Water Quality and Supply

Virtually all experts agree that California is facing very serious immediate and long-term water issues. In order to provide safe, clean drinking water to an increasing number of residents, to supply businesses and farms with an adequate water supply, and to preserve water resources and ecosystems, it is abundantly clear that the State of California and local water agencies will need new and varying water projects. However, an initiative currently circulating signatures – the so-called California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act (CPOFPA) – threatens virtually all future public and private water projects up and down the state intended to preserve clean drinking water, protect existing water resources, and secure additional water supply. Here's how.

- Either intentionally or through negligence, the CPOFPA would make it illegal to use eminent domain to acquire land and water to develop *public* water projects.
- The initiative's proposed amendment to California Constitution Article 1, section 19(a) prohibits the taking of private property for "private use." Proposed section 19(b)(3)(ii) defines "private use" as including:

transfer of ownership, occupancy or use of private property or associated property rights to a public agency for the consumption of natural resources or for the same or a substantially similar use as that made by the private owner;
(Emphasis added.)

- Section 19(b)(3)(ii) expressly designates as a "private use" the transfer of property rights to a "public agency" for the "consumption of natural resources." Thus, it is clear that property transfers under eminent domain or threat of eminent domain to a public agency for the purpose of consumption of natural resources (i.e. – water) are prohibited.
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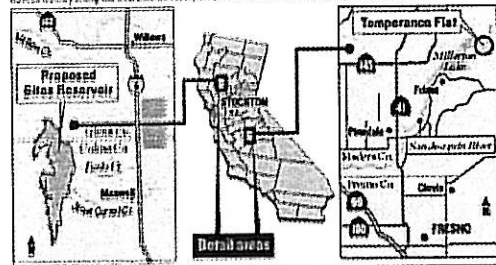
Rush put on water debate

Governor wants voters to borrow billions to help increase supply

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Valley dams on tap?

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's \$9 billion water bond proposal includes money to help build two new dams in the Central Valley as well as bonding to expand the Los Vaqueros Dam in the East Bay. One Valley dam would be in Colusa County along the Sacramento River; the other would be on the San Joaquin River above Fresno.



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By **Hank Shaw**
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SACRAMENTO - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and lawmakers in Sacramento are positioning themselves for an autumn debate over whether taxpayers should borrow as much as \$9 billion to increase California's water supply.

It is unclear at this stage whether any of that money would add a drop to the water supply in San Joaquin County or the Mother Lode, but Schwarzenegger's plan already includes as much as \$1.9 billion for a peripheral canal around the Delta - a project vehemently opposed by area water agencies as well as the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

Schwarzenegger has called the Legislature into special session to deal with water supply issues in the hopes of crafting a compromise proposal that could appear on the February presidential primary ballot.

But that prospect appears to be dimming.

The deadline for any deal technically falls on Thursday, but even with the wiggle room lawmakers can afford themselves, a hard deadline appears to be mid-October. Dozens of lawmakers are overseas right now, visiting locales as far-flung as Azerbaijan, China, Argentina and Germany. A group of state senators will not return to the Capitol until Oct. 9.

Schwarzenegger and Senate Leader Don Perata, D-Oakland, want the water bond on the February ballot because a federal judge has ordered sizable cuts in the amount of water pumped out of the Delta to begin in December. They argue that voters need to approve the new round of borrowing sooner rather than later so the state can begin work on the projects.

In addition, the governor's panel tasked with developing a strategy to fix the Delta is expected to release its findings in November; crafting a bond that can accommodate those recommendations quickly could help the proposal's success.

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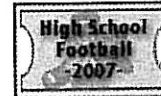


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But Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez says he sees no rush, especially given the enormity of the matter: Water-supply debates have raged with varying degrees of heat for decades in the Capitol, and the proposals under discussion now represent the most expensive state-funded water supply efforts in a generation.

Schwarzenegger's plan would allocate \$5.1 billion toward three large new dams: one on the San Joaquin River above Fresno, one alongside the Sacramento River in Colusa County, and the third an expansion project of the existing Los Vaqueros Reservoir in the East Bay.

Republicans like this idea, but Democrats do not. They argue that the state has historically only paid a tiny portion of dam projects because the water they trap typically is used by local entities, not the state as a whole.

Many critics of dams also note that all the "good" spots for reservoirs have long been taken, so the amount of usable water these new projects would provide isn't worth the cost. Indeed, state studies show recharging underground water supplies, which are dangerously low in San Joaquin County, as well as conservation in places such as the Central Valley would result in far more usable water per dollar spent.

Another option that Perata favors is money to build smaller regional dams, such as the one proposed for Duck Creek in eastern San Joaquin County. Smaller dams have a better chance of attracting the needed local funding and may be a better fit for a local water need than a large dam would fit the needs of the state as a whole, he argues.

As for the Delta, critics note that including money to implement the recommendations the task force Schwarzenegger appointed comes up with puts the cart before the horse. Worse, they argue, it could all be part of an orchestrated effort to build the peripheral canal. The administration denies this.

The idea of a canal shunting water from the Sacramento River around the Delta and into the giant pumps near Tracy led to one of California's fiercest ballot campaigns in 1982; Northern California viewed the move as a water grab by Southern California, and the measure was soundly defeated.

Schwarzenegger says times have changed and the state should spend money on some sort of "conveyance" system in the Delta to ensure the safety of the water supply for more than 25 million Californians, mostly in Southern California. The Bay Area draws from the Delta, too, and Stockton is planning on pumping enough water from the estuary each year to supply 33,000 families.

Assemblyman John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, is Núñez's point person on water issues, and he says including anything resembling a peripheral canal on a water supply bond could bring the whole proposal crashing down at the ballot box.

Staffers from the Assembly, Senate and governor's office are expected to work on a compromise proposal over the next few weeks. A preliminary hearing on what emerges is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 4.

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Assembly speaker warns Democrats will not rush water bond

By SAMANTHA YOUNG Associated Press Writer
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SACRAMENTO—The Legislature's two top Democrats disagreed Wednesday about whether they need to rush a water bond to the February presidential primary ballot, underscoring just how complicated it could be to reach a compromise on the issue.

"I'm certainly not driven by a Feb. 5 election," Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez told The Associated Press. "I'd much rather we get it right than we do it quickly."

But Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata insisted the bond needs to be on the Feb. 5 ballot because of a court-imposed cutback on water deliveries out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta scheduled to take effect at the end of the year.

The federal court's ruling, along with a record dry year and a looming drought, prompted Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last week to call a special session to negotiate a water bond with the Legislature.

The governor has proposed a \$9 billion bond that would earmark more than half of the money for dams that are opposed by most of the Democrats who dominate the Legislature.

Both the governor and Perata, D-Oakland, have said a bond should be on the Feb. 5 ballot, although they disagree on whether the state should set aside money specifically for dams.

"If we don't do something quickly, the water in Southern California is going to be cut dramatically," Perata said Wednesday, referring to the court's ruling that state water deliveries be cut by about a third to protect the Delta Smelt.

"The reason you have a

special session is for urgency," Perata added.

Lawmakers have a Sept. 27 statutory deadline to put a measure on the ballot, although they can give themselves more time.

One factor that could push back the deadline is getting lawmakers to Sacramento to vote. Nine Assembly members left Saturday for a 12-day trip to China. They plan to return Sept. 27. Meanwhile, six senators leave Thursday for a 16-day to Argentina and Brazil. A seventh lawmaker plans to join them midway through that trip.

And another delegation is leaving Thursday for a two-week tour of Azerbaijan and Germany.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen is working to determine how much more time lawmakers might have, analyzing how long election officials would need to print the ballots and voter guides before the election, said spokeswoman Nicole Winger.

Perata said Wednesday he expects the deadline could be extended to mid-October, giving lawmakers

at least three weeks to come to an agreement on a water bond. He has his own \$5.4 billion water bond that would allow communities to apply for grants to build a dam if they want too.

Legislative leaders say they are meeting with the administration to hash out the framework for deals on both health care and water. Schwarzenegger also called a separate special session on health care.

Nunez said the two issues should be considered together, saying it would be a waste of time and money to call lawmakers to the Capitol at different times for health care. That could mean putting both measures on the November 2008 ballot, he said.

"I see them as being inextricably linked," Nunez said. "I would like to go to the same ballot on water and health care."

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Both sides said the issues to be resolved on health care are far more complex than a water bond.

"To hold one hostage to another, I think is politically imprudent," Perata said.

Associated Press Writer Steve Lawrence contributed to this report.

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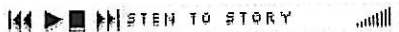
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Jurupa to link to Norco, Corona water supply



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By PAIGE AUSTIN
The Press-Enterprise

Corona, Norco and Jurupa will test a new pipeline that connects Jurupa to the Norco and Corona water supply systems, an action that officials say will protect the communities in case of disaster.

Residents in Corona will notice a slight chlorine taste and odor from the disinfectant used in the Norco and Jurupa water supplies.

The temporary inconvenience is a small price to pay for the safety and security of the community in the event of a major disaster, said West Curry, operations manager for the Corona Department of Water and Power.

"We'll be able to move water back and forth between the agencies," Curry said. "In a disaster like (Hurricane) Katrina or a major earthquake, we'll be able to supply their communities' needs and they can do the same for us."

Around the nation and the state, cities are doing more to prepare for major disasters since Hurricane Katrina, which left entire communities without drinkable water for days, he added.

This project is one of many under way to better protect the region in case of water emergencies, said Norco Public Works Director Bill Thompson.

Today through Oct. 24, the agencies will essentially be conducting a test run of the new piping connection, Thompson said.

During that time, the city of Corona will adopt Norco and Jurupa's use of free chlorine as a disinfectant. It might taste different to Corona residents but has no health impact, Curry said.

Dialysis treatment centers within the city will temporarily alter the chemicals they use to purify their materials, but all medical providers have been notified, Curry added.

Because Corona's usual disinfectant includes ammonia, fish owners in the city typically use metabisulfite to treat their tanks and koi ponds.

During the city's temporary switches in disinfectants, fish owners wouldn't need to use as much metabisulfite as they usually do, Curry said.

However, he added, they could use the same amount of the metabisulfite without causing any harm to the fish.

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Inland consensus elusive on water supply fix



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10:00 PM PDT on Thursday, September 20, 2007

By **JIM MILLER**
Sacramento Bureau

SACRAMENTO - Richard Atwater, general manager of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, thinks there are more effective ways to increase the state's supply of drinking water than building two proposed Central Valley reservoirs.

"A hundred years from now, you might be glad you built the new reservoir," Atwater said. "But we've got to have a short-term strategy because we could be in a drought next year."

Assemblyman Todd Spitzer, R-Orange, takes a different view. He believes the state should build new dams as well as construct a canal around the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to make Southern California's water supply more reliable.

"We're sending out excellent drinking-quality water underneath the Golden Gate Bridge because we're not capturing it," said Spitzer, who represents western Riverside County. "We're the most populated region of this state and we continue to get the short end of the stick."

As California lawmakers begin a special session devoted to improving the state's water supply, Inland lawmakers and water officials have different views on what should be part of a possible multi-billion borrowing package on an upcoming ballot.

For years, water planners have been able to meet the water needs of the region's fast-growing population through projects like groundwater storage, recycling, and incentives to conserve.

But the number of people in Riverside and San Bernardino counties is projected to hit 8.4 million by 2050, up from about 4.1 million today. Meanwhile, the sources of the region's water -- the Delta, the Colorado River, and groundwater -- increasingly are at risk from everything from drought and court rulings to contamination. As a result, some officials back a Delta canal or more surface storage.

"Clearly each region of the state has its own priorities on what they want to achieve" in a special session,

said Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, R-Lake Elsinore, a former board member of Riverside County's Western Municipal Water District.

Jeffries pointed out that Southern California is experiencing the largest population growth.

"Either we move more water on friendly terms to Southern California. Or the population here needs to go north," he said.

This week, Gov. Schwarzenegger unveiled a \$9 billion proposal that includes money to create the Sites and Temperance Flat reservoirs in the Central Valley as well as money to expand a third reservoir east of San Francisco. The proposal does not set aside money for a canal.

In the Democrat-controlled Legislature, Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, has introduced a \$5.4 billion measure that would fund programs to increase the water supply and pay for regional water projects, but which doesn't earmark funds for new dams or canals.

There isn't a lot of time for lawmakers to reach a deal. If they want the issue to be on the Feb. 5 presidential primary ballot, the printing deadline is the second week of October.

At the same time, lawmakers and Schwarzenegger also will be trying to reach agreement on health care, the focus of a different special session.

Heavy Borrowing

It's been less than a year since California voters approved \$42.7 billion in borrowing for new roads, schools, fixing Delta levees, and other projects. Five years ago, voters passed a \$3.44 billion water bond measure. Two years before that, they approved a \$1.97 billion water bond.

It hasn't been enough, officials said.

"The fact is we need more money to make the kind of investments we need to make," said Celeste Cantu, general manager of the Santa Ana Water Project Authority, a regional water-planning agency that covers parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

A serious hit on the water supply could come within weeks. A federal judge has ruled that the state has to cut its Delta pumping to protect a tiny endangered fish known as the Delta smelt.

The decision is expected to reduce Delta shipments to Southern California by about one-third. The Metropolitan Water District, whose customers include suppliers in western Riverside County and southwestern San Bernardino County, is creating a plan for possible cutbacks to its member agencies.

Inland water officials say a priority of the special session needs to be improving the Delta to avoid such environmental problems as well as natural disasters.

"Right now our current structure is the worst possible way to deliver drinking water and the worst possible way to protect the ecosystem," said Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District.

Possible fixes include making levees safe from earthquakes and relocating the massive pumps that push water to Southern California, so they don't chew up the threatened smelt.

Kightlinger and others think the best solution would be to build a canal that would bypass the fragile Delta entirely.

"We've always said we would pay for the conveyance. Water payers have historically paid for their infrastructure through their water-user bills," Kightlinger said. He estimated that a canal would cost from \$2.5 billion to \$4 billion.

Haunting the proposal, though, is the 1982 ballot fight over a Peripheral Canal. A majority of California voters - including nearly every Northern California resident who went to the polls -- overturned a law to build the canal. Voters in the north feared the canal would be used to divert too much water to the thirsty south.

Any similar proposal would be a tough sell with voters, Assemblyman John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, predicted this week.

As for adding new reservoirs, that seems to be a higher priority in places like the Central Valley than it is for water officials and lawmakers from the Inland area.

"Building a dam north of the Tehachapis doesn't address our No. 1 problem, which is getting water through the Delta and to Southern California," Cantu said.

But David J. Slawson, president of Riverside County's Eastern Municipal Water District, said he supports more surface storage. The state should capture every bit of water it can, he said.

"There's too much potential that we're going to have reductions in supply from the Delta or the Colorado River," Slawson said. "It's a waste to not allow the fresh water to be utilized."

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Water plans

Two proposals call for billions in future borrowing to fix California's water system.

Schwarzenegger plan (Sponsored by Gov. Schwarzenegger)

Cost: \$9 billion

\$5.1 billion - Surface storage

\$500 million - Groundwater storage

\$1.4 billion - Habitat restoration in the Delta

\$500 million - Early actions to address Delta environmental concerns

\$1 billion - Conservation and regional water projects

\$500 million - Grants for watersheds throughout the state

Perata plan

(Introduced by Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland)

Cost: \$5.4 billion

\$2.4 billion - Restoring the Delta

\$2 billion - Regional water supply projects

\$1 billion - Resolving water-environmental conflicts



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Water experts discuss importance of conservation

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By **DAN LEE**
The Press-Enterprise

California faces a water crisis that will require residents, businesses and governmental agencies to reduce usage, recycle water and capture more rainfall and storm runoff, a panel of experts said Thursday at a town-hall meeting in Riverside.

Celeste Cantu, general manager of the Santa Ana Water Project Authority, said the state is facing "the four horsemen of the apocalypse" -- climate change, a drought on the Colorado River watershed, population growth and a court-ordered reduction in water supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

"Any one of these challenges would be a challenge to water (supply) reliability. All four of them are what we're calling the 'perfect drought,' " Cantu said.

Cantu was one of four panelists who participated in the meeting at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies. Huell Howser, host of the public TV series "California Gold," moderated the panel discussion, which was attended by about 150 people.

The panelists represented water distributors, business, government and the media.

The meeting comes after a winter with record-low rain and snowfall in Southern California. The city of Riverside had its driest year since 1883, receiving less rainfall than the average that falls on Death Valley.

In addition, a federal judge has cut one-third of the water supply from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a major source for the Inland area, to protect an endangered fish.

The judge's order could lead to mandatory conservation measures in some areas. Local water agencies also said they might drill new wells, increase water rates on high-volume customers or institute other measures encouraging conservation.

Part of the problem is that 50 percent to 70 percent of all domestic water use is for landscaping, Cantu said. On average, homeowners give their lawns almost twice as much water as they need to remain green, she said.

Planting trees and shrubs instead of grass would reduce water requirements by half, and planting drought-resistant or native plants would reduce water use even more, Cantu said.

Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley, another panelist, said the county has adopted standards requiring new housing tracts to have drought-resistant landscaping.

"By the end of next year, every city should follow the county's lead," Ashley said.

Lou Monville, vice president of O'Reilly Public Relations and another panelist, said conservation campaigns must convince consumers that they will save money.

"When you tell them how much they can save and what they can do for their children and future generations ... that's where you start," Monville said. "It's the pocketbook."

Joan Koerper, a downtown Riverside resident, came to the meeting after hearing on the radio that Howser would be there. She said she thought the meeting was excellent, but expressed concern that governmental officials aren't doing more to make the public more aware of the problem.


"I don't hear anything like, 'If we don't do this, this is the consequence,' " she said.

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New perchlorate rules to kick in Oct. 19

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By **DAVID DANIELSKI**
The Press-Enterprise

New state regulations setting a legal limit for the chemical perchlorate in public drinking water will go into effect Oct. 19, forcing millions of dollars in cleanup efforts.

The rule became official after it passed the scrutiny of the state Office of Administrative Law and was signed Wednesday by California Secretary of State Debra Bowen, said a spokeswoman for Bowen's office.

The rule allows no more than 6 parts perchlorate per billion parts of tap water.

Perchlorate is a chemical used in rocket fuel, fireworks and other explosives. Although it has contaminated dozens of Inland wells, most area water providers already meet the new state standard.

But one San Bernardino-area water district faces about \$30 million in cleanup costs.

Water delivered to East Valley Water District customers this year averaged slightly more than the new limit. Perchlorate concentrations have reached as high as 8.6 parts per billion, district officials said last month.

The district provides water to about 70,000 people in eastern San Bernardino, Highland and unincorporated areas nearby.

Ron Buchwald, the district's engineer, said last month that East Valley will seek state and federal grants to help pay for removing perchlorate from its water supplies.

Buchwald could not be reached Thursday for comment.

The state regulations require the district to warn customers about the potential health effects of consuming perchlorate.

The chemical can disrupt the thyroid gland's ability to absorb iodide and make hormones that guide brain and nerve development of fetuses and babies. The hormones also control metabolism.

Pregnant women and iodide-deficient women are more vulnerable to the chemical's ill effects, studies have found.

Defense industries, fireworks factories, fertilizers and other sources have been blamed for Inland perchlorate contamination. Fertilizer is the suspected source in the Highland area.

Governor's plan calls for new dams

LEGISLATORS TACKLE WATER STORAGE NEEDS

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SACRAMENTO - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday introduced a \$9 billion bond proposal that would construct two dams and expand a third - a politically contentious notion - while paying for conservation and improvements to the environmentally fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The governor's proposal - a kickoff to the Legislature's special session on water storage - comes on the heels of a federal judge's ruling to protect endangered fish by curtailing water supplies to the rest of the state from the delta, which supplies two-thirds of the state's water.

Schwarzenegger, observers said, is hoping to use the sense of urgency - aided by a looming drought - to pressure lawmakers to quickly approve his proposal to get it on the Feb. 5 ballot. Lawmakers would have to get a two-thirds vote in both legislative chambers by Sept. 27 to put it on that ballot, although legislators may try to push the deadline to mid-October.

"Our water crisis has gotten worse with the dry conditions and the recent federal court action that is going to have a devastating impact on the state's economy and the 25 million Californians who depend on delta water," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "We need a comprehensive fix."

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, who has his own plan that calls for smaller-scale dam projects, said he's willing to work with the governor. But he called on the governor to approve a bill on his desk that would allocate \$600 million for delta improvements.

"I only wish he had provided more direction earlier in the year when the Senate struggled to get a bond bill to his desk, in anticipation of the federal court's ruling," Perata said in a statement. "Instead, now we have a gun muzzle at our temple; unless we take swift action for immediate relief, the court will effectively cut water as much as 60 percent to millions of California consumers and thousands of businesses."

The centerpiece to the governor's plan are the two proposed dams - at Sites Reservoir in Colusa County and Temperance Flat, a dam on the northern San Joaquin River, east of Fresno - at a cost of \$5.1 billion. An unspecified amount would go toward the expansion of a third reservoir, Los Vaqueros in Contra Costa County.

It also adds \$1.9 billion for delta restoration. Of that, \$1.4 billion would be for habitat restoration and \$500 million to address other environmental concerns.

Voters just approved \$9.5 billion for two flood control and water quality bonds last November, after approving one for \$3.4 billion in 2002 and another for \$1.9 billion in 2000.

Democrats are unlikely to fully embrace a plan to build the two dams. They said that agricultural and regional interests will have to come up with more money than they've previously committed. A competing \$5.4 billion Senate Democratic proposal would provide a \$2 billion fund to be tapped by regional water districts with matching dollars.

The governor's plan, aides said, would require regional water districts to match the state's contribution with about \$5 billion.

"We'll have to have a real vetting process," said Assemblyman John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, a member of a task force on the special session. "This means we won't have an agreement in just a few days. This will take us, base minimum, a few weeks to grasp it and see if there are parts of it we like. It all depends on how much the governor is willing to negotiate with us. Is it a starting point, or will he want to stick with it?"

Dam proponents say local water districts shouldn't be overburdened with the cost since the dams would have statewide impact.

"The system of reservoirs, canals and groundwater resources will be under different demands and stresses 20 years from now," said Ryan Broderick, executive director of the Northern California Water Association. "The discussion has to be centered on 'does this help provide flexibility not just for regional operations but state and federal operations and member agencies?'"

Environmentalists, however, insisted that building dams is one of the least efficient ways to increase water supply.

"Look at the state's water plan," said Jim Metropulos, legislative representative for Sierra Club California. "It says you will get the most water out of urban water conservation. That gives you the most bang for the buck. Building dams seems to be red meat for some people who believe in big projects. You can't have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for underground storage. Water in a dam is a concrete thing for them to see."

Republicans are unlikely to support a proposal that does not add the two dams.

"Without reservoirs, there's no way it'll pass out of the Legislature," said Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines, R-Fresno. "It's a requirement. There's no way we'll come to the table without it."

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WATER CRISIS? WHAT'S THAT?

By **Hank Shaw**
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SACRAMENTO - A state association of water agencies is launching a multimillion-dollar ad campaign, partially funded by taxpayers, to spread the word about California's water crisis.

The campaign comes just in time for a special legislative session to deal with water storage, called Tuesday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. One of the goals of that session is to craft a plan to borrow money for water projects that could be placed on February's presidential primary ballot.

There is no doubt that the state's water systems are in trouble: The Delta's ecosystem is collapsing, the state has not built a new dam in 30 years, the canals that crisscross the state are in need of repair, the Central Valley's underground water supplies are dwindling, and water conservation efforts in the Valley need to be stepped up.

Apparently, Californians are unaware of this, according to the Association of California Water Agencies. The group has commissioned a poll and conducted focus groups to help guide what they hope will become a \$7 million "education" campaign; it is refusing to release results of the survey, however.

"Californians need to know that these problems could affect water supplies in nearly every region of the state in the coming months and years," association director Tim Quinn said. "As public agencies responsible for delivering water on a daily basis, we have an obligation to inform our customers of issues that could affect their water supplies."

The association also happens to be a major player in the push to build new dams in California. It helped craft the water storage bill sponsored by Modesto state Sen. Dave Cogdill and championed by Schwarzenegger that would, among other things, borrow several billion dollars to build new reservoirs.

Support for new water storage is mixed. Last year, the Public Policy Institute of California surveyed Californians about the state's water supply and found that 54 percent think using the existing system more efficiently is the way to go, compared with 41 percent who think the state should build new dams or expand groundwater storage.

"We cannot conserve our way out of this crisis," the water agency association states on the ad campaign's Web site.

Jennifer Persike, the group's spokeswoman, said its lobbying efforts will be separated from the ad campaign.

"There is a big, bright line between these activities," Persike said. "This is purely public education. You will not see or hear anything that talks about a solution (to the state's water problems). We are only defining the problem."

Persike said the separation is important because taxpayer money forms part of the funding for the campaign. Individual water agencies are chipping in to help pay for the ads, which will eventually run on television and are scheduled to last through the end of the year, Persike said.

She said no San Joaquin County-area water agencies have pledged money yet for the ad campaign, but the ads are still scheduled to air in the region.

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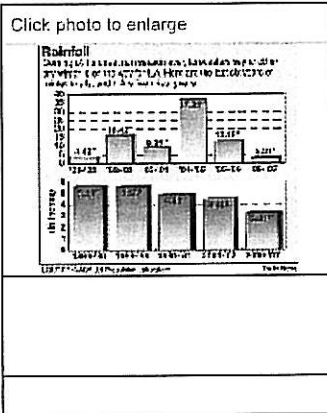
More dry times in forecast
If La Nina forms in Pacific, rain will be scarce in winter
 BY DANA BARTHOLOMEW, Staff Writer

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Following its driest weather season in history, Southern California can expect to get less than two-thirds of its normal rainfall - or less than 10 inches - this winter, forecasters say.

That means more concerns for firefighters facing already critically dry brush as well as Southland cities considering water rationing.

"Right now, we have a developing La Nina - the demon diva of drought," said Bill Patzert, a research oceanographer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada Flintridge, who predicted less than 10 inches, down from the normal 15 inches in Los Angeles.



"If it's a dry winter, that means a higher frequency of Santa Anas. In terms of a fire season ... it's a potential monster coming out of the High Desert."

This month, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center reported that surface ocean temperatures from Peru to the Philippines had cooled 1 degree this summer, signaling a La Nina.

The 8,000-mile current can push the storm-bearing jet stream north, dumping buckets of precipitation on the Pacific Northwest.

But it can also rob the Southwest - now in its eighth year of drought - of rain needed to refill aquifers, rebuild the snowpack and replenish dangerously dry brush

after last year's 3.2 inches of rain and 78 days of howling Santa Anas.

"A typical La Nina pattern means drier, and warmer, weather than normal for Southern California," said Ken Clark, senior meteorologist for Accuweather.com. "We could be looking at 10 percent less rain than normal - or 60 percent less rain."

With thousands of firefighters battling two blazes near Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County and Julian in San Diego County before the onset of the Santa Anas this month, less rain could mean an especially long fire season.

"I'm still worried about this fall when the Santa Anas kick off," said Los Angeles County fire Chief John Todd, head of the Forestry Division. "A lack of rain in the future will make it an even more difficult situation."

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With Long Beach beginning mandatory water restrictions and other cities expected to follow suit, many water agencies fear the worst.

Water imports from Northern California are expected to be cut by one-third because of a court order to protect

the delta smelt. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California warned this month of mandatory rationing for the first time since 1991.

Los Angeles, which normally gets half its water from the eastern Sierra, has had to buy 70 percent of its water from the MWD at a cost of \$100 million.

This spring, city officials called on residents to cut water use 10 percent by taking shorter showers, using less water on the lawn and by sweeping, not hosing off, the driveway.

In addition, the DWP is conserving through greater use of reclaimed water, storm-water capture and "green" buildings designed to save water.

Because of increasing conservation, the Department of Water and Power reports that water demands have been steady for 25 years - despite a million new residents.

"At this moment, we clearly have adequate storage, and there's no present need to move toward more drastic measures such as rationing," said David Nahai, president of the DWP commission.

"But we must be watchful that that isn't necessary. ... The amount of (potable) water that goes on lawns, parks, golf courses and freeway medians is a criminal waste for us, and we have to rethink it."

Today, the city is expected to sign an agreement with the county to triple the holding capacity of Big Tujunga Dam to 6,000 acre-feet to capture more storm water.

In Sacramento, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has called for a special session to discuss water issues and health care.

Across the state, officials say, 70 percent of water is used for crops, with the remainder used by residents. At home, about 70 percent of water goes on lawns and shrubs.

For that reason, many see many more turns at the spigot to effect conservation.

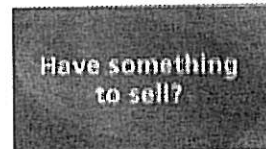
"If we stopped watering the streets, sidewalks and driveways, we wouldn't have to ration water," Patzert said.

For the Southern California weather guru, the only conflict about forecasting the rains lies between his Sierra Madre oak tree and his La Nina science charts.

This year's heavy blanket of acorns, according to Indian folklore, means a heavy rain winter, which was the accurate forecast in 1997-98 and 2004-05.

La Nina, however, portends another dry season.

"At night, it sounds like a machine gun of acorns on my redwood deck," Patzert said. "The folklore tells us greater than 20 inches, but the facts suggest less than 10."



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Long Beach puts limits on water use

Declaring an emergency, the city limits water use on lawns and pavement and at restaurant tables.
By Hector Becerra and Ari B. Bloomekatz
Los Angeles Times Staff Writers

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Southern California's water woes -- caused by record dry weather combined with a court ruling likely to limit water deliveries from Northern California -- hit home Thursday as Long Beach imposed the region's most severe water restrictions in years.

The measures, which took effect immediately after the city declared a water emergency, will force residents and businesses to change their behavior, including when they water lawns and how restaurants serve water to diners.

Regional water officials said Long Beach's action could be a precursor for other communities around Southern California as they grapple with the drought and a federal judge's ruling last month on water deliveries from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The delta is a key source of imported water for the Southland, and officials believe the court ruling -- set to take effect this winter -- could reduce supplies by 30%.

"Long Beach is at the forefront of trying to let customers know what's at stake in Southern California," said Bob Muir, spokesman for the Metropolitan Water District, which imports water for large swaths of Southern California. "We're facing historically dry times. When it comes to water, we don't know what we're going to get."

The MWD, which receives 60% of its water from the delta, will finalize new water allocations in October after it completes a study of the judge's decision. Muir said that if the situation doesn't improve, the district could limit water supplies for the cities and agencies it serves, forcing them to pay significantly more for additional water deliveries. The extra cost would most likely pass down to customers.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power may enforce mandatory water rationing similar to Long Beach's if the judge's decision is upheld and if the region has another bone-dry winter.

"Because water has been plentiful, with that came a certain degree of comfort and complacency," said David Nahai, president of the DWP board. "We have to jolt Angelenos out of that kind of mind-set. If things don't turn out favorably, we may return to [drought] protocols."

The new rules in Long Beach are reminiscent of the strict water policies adopted across California during the drought of 1990-91.

But officials said Southern California is in better shape now than during that drought because agencies have been aggressively storing water in recent years in reservoirs, which remain at healthy levels.

The Long Beach water board has prohibited residents from watering their grass during the day, and limited it to only three times a week. They cannot use water hoses to clean driveways, patios, sidewalks or any other paved or cemented areas unless they use a pressurized water device.

Long Beach restaurants are barred from serving customers water unless expressly requested by diners. Hotels have to give guests the option of reusing towels and linens without having them washed every day.

Water officials say the city will scrutinize water bills for excessive use and create a hotline and e-mail system for residents to inform on "water wasters."

"We're trying to create a lifestyle change where these types of uses are not tolerated anymore," said Ryan Alsop, a spokesman for the Long Beach Water Department.

If residents don't follow the rules, the prohibitions will get more draconian. Instead of warnings, repeat offenders could get fined.

Officials said city employees could patrol neighborhoods looking for violators and issuing citations.

"People can potentially have their water shut off," Alsop said. "This is a serious situation."

By every measure, Southern California has been buffeted by dry conditions that have complicated the water situation. L.A. just had its driest rainy season on record. Every major source of water for the region has also been parched.

An unusually small snowpack in the eastern Sierra Nevada and a drought along the Colorado River Basin have shortchanged a network that provides water for 18 million people.

The mountain snowpack vital to water imports from Northern California has been at its lowest level in almost 20 years, and federal meteorologists are already talking about La Niña conditions forming in the eastern Pacific Ocean that could mean another dry winter next year.

Adding to the drought concerns was a decision by U.S. District Judge Oliver W. Wanger ordering protective measures for a tiny endangered fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Delta smelt grow to about 3 inches long and live only about a year. A so-called indicator species that is a harbinger of ecological conditions in the delta, the smelt were declared threatened in 1993. Biologists and environmentalists contend that the increasing diversion of delta water is nudging the fish toward extinction.

In Long Beach, reaction ranged from coolly taking the conservation measures in stride, to anxiety.

"We give water to all our guests," said Matthew Perry, manager of McKenna's on the Bay. "We pride ourselves on our service, and if people don't get water, that could be a touchy situation."

Among the Long Beach residents who spoke at the water commission hearing Thursday was retired elementary schoolteacher Mary Robison.

"Personally, I have no problem with the restrictions," she said. But she added that she would not feel good about telling on neighbors who are profligate with water.

"I don't feel comfortable reporting on people, although I can see the point of ratting people out," Robison said. "I know some neighbors who water excessively and whose sprinklers hit the sidewalk and the street."

She doesn't water her front lawn, which is "almost entirely crab grass," she said.

Gary Graves, who owns an apartment building, is more concerned about getting all his tenants to comply.

"As far as irrigation goes, I have timers, I can have the irrigation go on at night," Graves said. "If they tell me I can only water so much and the landscaping dies and it looks like hell then I guess that's OK, if everybody else's building looks like hell, too."

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Special sessions ordered

Governor wants health care, water storage plans passed; as first step. working groups of lawmakers will seek consensus

By Kevin Yamamura - Bee Capitol Bureau
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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday officially called special sessions on health care and water storage but acknowledged that his long-desired changes on how California draws legislative districts are dead for this year.

The Republican governor and Democratic lawmakers remain at odds over how to pay for a health care solution for the 6.7 million uninsured Californians.

Schwarzenegger reiterated that he wants the Legislature to approve everything but the funding for a health care agreement and ask voters next year to approve various funding sources to pay for the plan. To be approved in the Legislature alone, most fees would require support from Republican legislators, who have opposed any such new charges on businesses, hospitals or doctors.

"I think that if you talk about the funding mechanism, (the ballot) is the only way, except unless someone comes up with some miracle answer," Schwarzenegger said. "But I mean so far the only way we can create the funding mechanism is by doing that part and taking it to the people."

The governor has promised to veto Assembly Bill 8 by Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, D-Los Angeles, which would pay for health coverage by requiring that employers spend 7.5 percent of payroll on care for their workers. But Núñez said he still believes an employer fee should be included in the legislative portion of the health care plan, not a ballot initiative.

He said that other funding sources, such as a hospital tax or sales tax, should be on the ballot, but not an employer fee. That way, he suggested, even if voters reject the initiative, California can still pay for improvements to its health care system.

Núñez and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata said they intend to reach agreement by Sept. 27 to approve a new multibillion-dollar bond to pay for water storage and a solution to environmental problems in the Delta, such as a canal that Schwarzenegger has backed. That time frame would allow the bond to go on the Feb. 5 ballot.

Núñez said that lawmakers would ideally reach an agreement on health care within two weeks as well, but he held open the possibility that it could take longer. As for

Schwarzenegger? He would only speculate that a deal could come in "weeks."

Núñez, who gaveled in the special sessions Tuesday night, plans to organize working groups of legislators to focus on water and health care. When agreements are reached, Núñez said he plans to call in policy committees and ultimately all of the Assembly.

Besides focusing lawmakers on specific issues, special sessions suspend some legislative rules and allow measures approved with a majority vote to take effect 90 days after the session closes.

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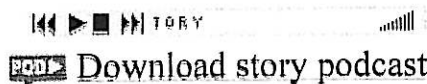
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Water district seeks to slow quagga mollusk



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The region's largest urban water supplier will spend \$5.9 million to build chlorination facilities at key reservoirs, including Diamond Valley Lake near Hemet, in an effort to stem the invasion of a tiny but destructive mollusk in the water supply of 18 million Southern Californians.

The funds approved Tuesday by Metropolitan Water District's board will also be used to step up boat inspections at Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner near Temecula to make sure they aren't carrying quagga mussels and to design barriers to isolate mussels found in the Colorado River Aqueduct.

"As the region's primary imported water provider, we have an obligation to exhaust all available options to help quell the quagga," MWD's chairman, Timothy F. Brick, said in a statement.

The fingernail-sized mollusks from the Ukraine don't pose a health risk but have caused a billion-dollar maintenance problem in the Great Lakes, where the invasive quaggas have clogged pipes. They were first found in the Colorado River in January, and quickly made their way into the aqueduct.

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Water shortage feared

Rationing may be in I.E.'s future after judge's ruling

Andrew Edwards, Staff Writer
San Bernardino County Sun

The Inland Empire may be about to learn how precious water really is.

Although local water officials have yet to learn exactly how the area will be affected by a recent court ruling that will curtail water deliveries to Southern California, the word from water agencies serving east San Bernardino County is that now is the time to start thinking about conservation.

And depending on future events - notably whether the Inland Empire receives a substantial amount of rainfall during the coming winter or experiences another bone-dry season - authorities may even turn to water rationing.

Randy Van Gelder, general manager of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, said there is a very real possibility that inland California could start to look different in the next few years.

The potential for reduced water supplies for Southern Californians could mean less water will be available to keep lawns and parks looking green.

"In the long-term - the long-term meaning two, three, five years - the lifestyle we have will not be able to be sustained," Van Gelder said. "You may end up with things like restricting the amount of lawn you have at a house.

"We would end up looking more like the semi-arid desert that we are."

The latest shock to California's water system happened on Aug. 31, when U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger ruled that water deliveries from the San Joaquin-Sacramento River delta must be reduced between the months of December and June to protect delta smelt, an endangered fish.

Wanger said pumps used to transport water to Central Valley farms and Southern California cities kill fish populations.

The National Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups filed a lawsuit in 2005 to protect delta smelt.

On Thursday, the NRDC issued a statement praising the judge's order as necessary to protect fish populations and water quality in the delta.

State Water Contractors, an association of California water agencies, has estimated that Wanger's ruling could reduce water flows from the delta by up to one-third of current amounts.

Water deliveries would be reduced for both the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project, which primarily serves farmers.

In the near term, it won't matter if Wanger's decision is successfully appealed, since the judge's order would not be stayed while any appeal is in process, said Susan Sims, spokeswoman for the California Department of Water Resources.

What Sims called "the new normal" means that come December, water providers can expect to receive smaller amounts of water than they request.

"This is a man-made drought on top of a Mother Nature drought," she said.

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District distributes water to more localized agencies that pipe water into homes.

Van Gelder said the district currently uses less than half of the maximum amount of State Water Project supply it is entitled to.

"Maybe a cut back doesn't hurt (us) as much as everyone else," he said.

In July, the Yucaipa Valley Water District started running drinking water through a \$44 million filtration system intended to clean

State Water Project-provided water.

The district's general manager, Joseph Zoba, said the millions won't go to waste - he still expects to receive state water.

However, the likelihood that reduced amounts of water will be flowing to Yucaipa means that he does not expect to be able to use imported water to replenish local supplies.

"We won't be able to bank as much water into the ground as we wanted to," Zoba said.

Nevertheless, Zoba does not foresee reduced water deliveries as something that will block or significantly slow future development in the Yucaipa and Calimesa areas.

He said the district's requirement that future housing developments pipe in recycled water for watering lawns and other nondrinking purposes will enable future construction to happen.

Zoba and Redlands Water Resources Manager Chris Diggs both acknowledged the possibility of mandatory water rationing and said that for now, it's a must for locals to save water.

"More conservation is necessary - put it that way," Diggs said.

Zoba and Diggs also noted that winter weather will have a big impact on how severely reduced water flows affect the East Valley.

About 20 percent of Redlands' summertime water supply is imported, Diggs said. If enough rain falls to keep the city's local water sources in good shape, Redlands could make it through the new water situation without too much difficulty.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger seized upon the Aug. 31 court decision as a moment to trumpet his water proposal, which would spend \$4.5 billion on water storage and another billion to restore the delta.

Locally, Stacey Aldstadt, general manager of the San Bernardino Water Department, also said it's time to invest in new water infrastructure, such as the proposed Bunker Hill Basin Regional Water Supply Project.

The Bunker Hill proposal could cost about \$120 million and take seven years to build. The idea is to construct several wells and a treatment facility for local groundwater.

In the meantime, Aldstadt echoed other area officials by calling on residents to save water.

"We really are asking people to conserve as much as possible," she said. "Don't water your lawn in the middle of the day. Don't wash your driveway."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Rialto seeks \$23M for perchlorate cleanup

By Jason Pesick, Staff Writer
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

RIALTO - City officials are seeking \$23 million in emergency funds from the state because of perchlorate contamination in the drinking water.

The contamination is not new nor has an emergency been officially declared, but Rialto has been battling the perchlorate for years.

It found its way into the groundwater from the past manufacturing at industrial facilities of military rockets, fireworks and other explosives.

On Aug. 29, members of the City Council met in Sacramento with a number of state officials, including Dan Dunmoyer, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's deputy chief of staff.

Dunmoyer suggested that Rialto look into declaring a state of emergency.

"It's the only way we can get emergency funds from the governor. We have to do it," said Councilman Ed Scott, concerning the possible declaration of a state of emergency.

Scott is a member of the council's perchlorate subcommittee.

The council will likely vote at its next meeting on whether to declare the emergency, he said.

Perchlorate, which could cause a number of health effects by interfering with the thyroid, has been flowing through Rialto from industrial sites on the city's north end.

It could cost hundreds of millions of dollars to clean up.

The contamination has generated more attention in Sacramento since last month, when a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge halted state hearings to determine if three companies - Pyro Spectaculars, Goodrich and Black & Decker - should have to clean some of the contamination.

The city laid out its funding request in a letter to Cindy Tuck, undersecretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

The city would use the money to stop the perchlorate from continuing to move through the Rialto Basin and contaminating more clean water.

Much of the money Rialto requested would also help the city better understand the extent of the contamination.

Rialto has developed plans that spell out what needs to be done in order to better understand the total cleanup cost and the extent of the contamination.

The city wants to use the state money to gather that information, Scott said.

Then Rialto could take out an insurance policy, and parties, such as the suspected polluters, would pay into the policy, to guarantee that the cleanup would be paid for.

"We are seeking an emergency cleanup while we urge the state to toughen its enforcement effort against the (potentially responsible parties)," reads the letter, signed by Scott and City Council member Winnie Hanson, the other member of the perchlorate subcommittee.

In another move that could provide Rialto with millions of dollars in cleanup money, the state Assembly last week amended legislation, which had already passed in the Senate, to provide about \$50 million in remaining Proposition 84 money for drinking water cleanup.

The money set aside by the Assembly amendment should go to the poorest, most populated and most contaminated areas, said Alicia Trost, a spokeswoman for Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland.

Perata wrote the original bill.

"So Rialto of course is included in that group," Trost said.

Scott said he hopes Rialto can get \$15 to \$20 million of that money.

Both Assembly chambers were expected to vote on the legislation during an all-night session on Tuesday.

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Securing Southern California's water future

By: LESTER SNOW - Commentary:

Last week, Gov. Schwarzenegger introduced a \$9 billion water bond package to help address California's water crisis and ensure clean, safe water for generations to come. With our rapidly growing population, drought conditions in many parts of the state, a changing climate and an aging water system, now is the time for leadership and bold action.

The governor's plan allocates more than \$5 billion to build new above- and below-ground surface storage. In addition to providing reliable water supplies, these facilities also address a broad range of public benefits including habitat and restoration needs, in-stream flows and river temperature requirements, flows to manage Delta salinity, management of the timing of diversions from and releases to rivers and streams, effective conjunctive use of surface and groundwater, and flood management.

The governor's plan also addresses the problems in the Delta head on and provides a foundation for improved water conveyance through or around the Delta. His plan will pave the way by providing funds for permitting, environmental review and other non-construction related hurdles. The governor recognizes the need for Delta improvements, including conveyance, and has never shied away from the topic. He also agrees with Southern California water officials that any package must be comprehensive and balanced. This is why his proposal includes storage, conveyance, ecosystem restoration and local conservation and water management programs. It's a flexible plan that's the right fit for a state with a wide variety of water demands.

California greatness is due, in part, to the vision of previous generations who built our statewide water system. But now that system needs an extreme makeover. The governor's plan will make investments to existing and new infrastructure that can help move water to where it is needed, and do so in a way that is more efficient and that protects our environment. This focus is particularly vital in the Delta, where there is an emerging consensus that we need to find new and better ways to protect the estuary and provide reliable water deliveries.

The governor's proposal also includes funding to expand water conservation programs and other local efforts such as desalination and water recycling to help meet California's water supply and quality needs well into the future.

The San Diego region is highly dependent on imported water, including deliveries from the Colorado River and the Delta. Additional funding from this plan will support a variety of water conservation and recycling efforts in the San Diego area, including upgrading existing wastewater treatment plants, promoting desalination and investing in the many proposed improvements to existing water systems in the region.

California needs a comprehensive water plan. The argument shouldn't be over which water management tools we will need in the future. California will need all of them. The focus should be on using every water management strategy properly to assure a vital economy, a healthy environment, and a high standard of living.

Making investments to have the right infrastructure and resource management programs in place can help ensure we have a flexible, long-term solution to California's water crisis.

– Lester Snow is director of the California Department of Water Resources.

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JUSTIN SCOTT-COE
Monte Vista Water District

ASR online

Monte Vista Water District in Montclair recently launched the Inland Empire's first aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) well program. The ASR well, one of four that will be in operation by the spring, injects State Water Project water into the Chino Basin aquifer for storage at a rate of 1,000 gallons per minute. MVWD's program integrates several groundwater management practices into a single operation — increased yield and recharge capacity, and "in-basin blending" in lieu of wellhead treatment to remove nitrates. These facilities will be able to provide more than 9 million gallons per day and nearly 5,000 acre-feet per year of additional recharge capacity.
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wooing white collars in the Inland empire

The region flourished as a center for warehousing cargo. Now it's focusing on the infrastructure and amenities to attract higher-end technology and professional firms.
By Ronald D. White
Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

October 1, 2007

Mary Jane Olhasso was a warehouse warrior.

As Ontario's economic development director, Olhasso helped lead the city's efforts to wrest warehouse and distribution projects away from other communities, even appearing in print ads vowing, "We can get you through the process faster" than rival towns.

The stakes were high: For two decades, the cargo container propelled an economic boom in Ontario and much of the Inland Empire. As other parts of California struggled through recession, military base closures, the dot-com bust and the loss of manufacturing and aerospace jobs, the Inland Empire was transformed into a premier staging area for the movement of international goods across the U.S.

Today, warehouses and distribution centers in Riverside and San Bernardino counties cover nearly 400 million square feet, roughly equal to all of the office space in Midtown Manhattan. The warehouses brought steady jobs with generous health benefits, an average salary of nearly \$40,000 and no need for a college education to places like Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Corona, San Bernardino and Redlands.

But lately, Olhasso has been fighting it out over a workhorse of a different color -- businesses in which the employees wear white collars instead of blue.

The areas that reached prosperity on diesel fuel and truck traffic are paying far less attention to the cargo box culture or have run out of the large tracts of land needed to accommodate it. Instead, they are courting professional, scientific and technical firms that pay the highest white-collar wages.

Warehouse and distribution "is the source of the majority of our jobs and will continue to be so. That element of our economy is not going away," Olhasso said. But the current need is for businesses that can employ the legions of highly educated professionals who bought relatively affordable homes in the Inland Empire and are still commuting to jobs in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

"Going forward, it's up to us to provide that opportunity and to encourage this type of business development. That is what we are all about for the next couple of decades," Olhasso said.

Ontario's change is echoed by others. "We want to bypass [warehousing] and go right into more intensive high-tech job creation," said Michael Beck, Riverside's assistant city manager.

Leo Lee heard the message. Lee, president of a Diamond Bar civil engineering firm called Advantec, recently opened the company's first Ontario office and plans to rapidly expand.

"I listened with interest to the mayor's state of the city address last year, about how the city had a vision to grow as the Western U.S.' newest hub for business technology. So opening an office there seemed like a very positive step to take," Lee said. His new employees will come from the Inland Empire's "growing population of engineering and technical people," he said.

The shift from blue collar to white is the latest sign that the region has matured, following the same pattern of development as Los Angeles and Orange counties.

The catalyst for this transition is also what attracted wave after wave of the nation's giant retailers and other importers: cheap real estate. At the same time, the young professionals who bought homes in the Inland Empire have become fed up with long commutes and are willing to earn a little less to work closer to home.

The more built-out regions of the Inland Empire "are seeking the high-end, upscale businesses that provide jobs that pay well. That has been a missing ingredient until very recently," said John Husing, an Inland Empire economist with expertise in supply-chain logistics and goods movement.

"The housing market brought in educated younger workers who could no longer get the kind of lifestyle they wanted in the coastal communities. Now the area can staff high-end firms, technical firms, corporate offices, professional companies."

From 2000 to 2006 the number of Inland Empire residents with bachelor's degrees or higher rose by 129,234, an increase of 41.4%, Husing said. Inland Empire employment at professional, scientific and engineering firms grew by 9,800 jobs, or 31.6%, from 2004 to 2006, he added.

The cargo boom continues, heading for another record year through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which handle more than 40% of the nation's container freight. All those toys and shoes and electronics have to be stored somewhere, meaning that retailers who must continue to expand their national staging areas have had to find new hosts.

They are being courted in the northern reaches of the Inland Empire, particularly in the Victor Valley area. It's a region that was hard hit by the end of the Cold War in 1989 and the closure of George Air Force Base in 1992.

Victorville officials have vowed to never again rely on a single source of jobs and income. They hope to capitalize on the south's new cold shoulder to warehousing and distribution.

"We are courting the big box, the big warehouse operation. We are welcoming them, rather than trying to thwart them," Victorville Mayor Terry Caldwell said.

Caldwell is counting on a continuation of the trade boom that has seen warehouse and distribution jobs in the Inland Empire leap to 166,700 this year from 44,100 in 1990.

One of the first to make the shift north was Newell Rubbermaid Inc., which had outgrown its old factory space in Hesperia and needed as much as 1 million square feet of space to process goods shipped through the Port of Long Beach.

After looking at sites throughout Southern California, the Atlanta-based consumer products giant chose Victorville and last week completed a 408,000-square-foot warehouse in a deal that includes an option for 600,000 square feet more in the future.

Victorville made the strongest pitch and had real estate that was much cheaper than what was available in warehouse-heavy sites in the Inland Empire. Officials even chartered a Bell JetRanger 206-B3 helicopter for an aerial tour of prospective sites.

"No one else in California did that for us. You're up in the air and you see this vast expanse of land, a very long runway and a power plant at the end of it, an intercontinental rail line right next to them, and you realize that this could be perfect," said Art Garcia, director of real estate and property for Newell Rubbermaid.

The hunger for white-collar jobs has made local governments in the southern and western parts of the Inland Empire anxious to convince businesses that they are more than just a mecca for warehouse space.

Toward that end, the city of Riverside hosts two events a year for commercial real estate brokers that tout projects in the city. The economic development office in San Bernardino County talks up the fact that the county has 3 million square feet of office space under development. Ontario's economic development office bills itself as Southern California's next urban center.

"The mayor's mantra is 'Live and work in Ontario. Do not get into your car. We have whatever you need right here,'" said Olhasso, Ontario's economic development director.

Putting it a little differently, Brian McGowan, economic development administrator for San Bernardino County, said, "What this region needs, what we are challenged with, is having more cultural amenities, more restaurants and more places that you can just walk to. All the cities in the Inland Empire are working toward that."

Bruce W. Kirby is a convert. Kirby, managing principal for engineering firm Stantec Consulting Inc., opened an Inland Empire office in 2005 and found the experience surprisingly smooth.

"Our Orange County office has had a hard time hiring staff because of the difficulty of affording homes there. Here, we found a lot of well-qualified professionals who had been commuting to Los Angeles and Orange counties," Kirby said.

Patrick Flaherty, a general manager for Gevity, a human resources company, now happily manages the Ontario branch on the second floor of a new office building that is just minutes from his home. He hasn't forgotten the severity of his old commute to the Irvine office.

"I bought a hybrid, I carpooled, and none of it mattered," Flaherty said. "There were still times when I could sit behind the wheel and look at the newspaper because we weren't moving."

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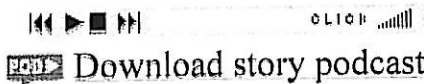
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Inland News

Inland lawns are chief drain on water supply



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By JENNIFER BOWLES
The Press-Enterprise

Jennifer Francis was stunned to get a letter from her homeowners association warning she'd be fined \$50 if she didn't water a patch of browning grass by her driveway.

"We've had no rain. How ridiculous is it that they want us to waste water," said the nurse who lives in the Jurupa area west of Riverside. Recent rains did little to abate the dry conditions, dousing Riverside with just 0.19 inches.

As the state faces a water crisis, pleas for conservation are no longer focusing on low-flush toilets and low-flow showers, but on the outdoors where 60 to 80 percent of a home's total water goes to keeping landscaping green. Long Beach officials, for example, limited lawn watering to three days a week in the wake of a judge's ruling that could reduce by one-third the amount of Northern California water imported to Southern California, including the Inland area.

But the effort to get residents to voluntarily ease off the hose like Francis did may not be an easy task.

A recent statewide survey found that just more than half of the residents polled had no idea how much water they sprinkle on their lawn and gardens. Of those who ventured a guess, 68 percent thought they use less than 50 gallons a day, when the statewide average is 185 gallons, according to the survey conducted by the Water Resources Institute and the Institute of Applied Research and Policy Analysis, both at Cal State San Bernardino.

The survey, the first statewide poll of its kind looking at attitudes toward water and lawns, was co-sponsored by the California Urban Water Conservation Council. The nonprofit council made up of utilities and environmental groups was charged in 2004 with creating a statewide task force to explore ways to reduce water use on landscapes. Chris Brown, the council's executive director, said the timing of the survey couldn't be better.

Southern California water sources are shrinking: The Colorado River is gripped by an eight-year

drought; the water content of the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada this year was 29 percent of normal; and local rainfall was at best one-third of normal. In addition, federal scientists are predicting a La Niña weather pattern that would bring another dry winter to Southern California.

Armed with the survey's findings, the conservation council's members will craft messages to raise awareness of how much water people use outdoors -- a concept that may take some time to get, Brown said.

But such messages, he said, could play off the competitive edge neighbors sometimes have with each other.

"When you're keeping up with the Joneses in California," Brown said, "you're looking at a nice landscape that fits the California landscape and not something imported from a different part of the country that doesn't fit our resource constraints."

The Pretty Factor

Those surveyed said they care most about the appearance of their lawns and gardens, followed by ease of care and a place for children and pets to play. Because of that, Brown said the message has to get out that drought-resistant plants, shrubs and ground cover use less water, can look great and are easier to care for than mowing a lawn each week, Brown said.

Those messages might end up being carried by the youngest of Californians. As some children successfully persuaded their parents to recycle, the same may go with water conservation and drought-adapted plants, said Susan Lien Longville, director of the Water Resources Institute.

People in the survey said they would listen most to gardeners, a university expert and their children when it comes to messages of water conservation, and were less likely to pay attention to an actor, politician or religious leader.

To that end, Longville said, Chino-based Inland Empire Utilities Agency and the water institute will launch a pilot project next spring in which schoolchildren will knock on doors and hand out brochures selling drought-resistant plants instead of candies or gift-wrapping as fundraisers.

Rebate and Demonstrate

Longville said the survey found that people would also respond to rebates for weather-sensitive sprinklers that use less water or a so-called "cash for grass" program like the one that has been in place in the Las Vegas area for the past few years.

In fact, 81 percent of respondents said a program that offered cash for reducing lawn size and replacing it with more water-efficient plants would work or might work.

Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley has said that could be the next step. The county passed an ordinance last year requiring new homes to have water-efficient landscapes by 2010.

Although 35 percent of those who said they would not buy water-efficient plants cited appearance as the most important reason for their reluctance, 87 percent said they would be or might be motivated to change their landscape if they saw the plants laid out in a demonstration garden.

"A lot of people think drought-tolerant plants are gray, scrubby dry things and cactus, and they certainly don't have to be. There's thousands of plants, and if you plant it right, you can have color all year long," said Pam Pavela, a water conservation specialist for Western Municipal Water District.

The district, which mostly imports Northern California water to a large area of western Riverside County from Corona to Temecula, has maintained a one-acre demonstration garden with 250 different plant species, including rosemary, sage and lavender, at its Riverside headquarters for several years.

The district, like others in the region, also holds classes for people within the service area to learn how to choose the right plants and irrigate them properly, Pavela said.

Managed Property

About 90 percent of survey respondents, who represented homeowners associations, property managers and maintenance contractors, said that grass was either very important or somewhat important to their landscape.

Francis received the warning because in a homeowners association, "part of the responsibility of the homeowner is to maintain the aesthetics of their unit, which includes their lawn and lawn care," said Benjamin Baldassarre, office manager of Guardian Preferred Properties in Riverside, which manages the Sycamore Hills Homeowners Association.

Despite the drought, he said, residents should still use enough water to keep the lawn alive.

One unnamed property manager, who responded to the survey, said competition dictates water usage, especially in housing developments.

"The value of the homes in the community compared to the competition will always outweigh the social consciousness of using plants and irrigation controllers that save water," the property manager said.

Those who manage large tracts of public property such as parks and schools report that the low cost of water actually discourages conservation. Of property managers surveyed, 77 percent said they would or might respond to low-maintenance messages or environmental messages that stress that excessive runoff pollutes rivers, streams and oceans.

Overall, Longville said, people appear to want to do the right thing when it comes to conserving water. But it was very clear that the appearance of their yards was a big issue.

"That was a strong message," she said.

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Water wisdom

Annual rainfall necessary to sustain various plants:

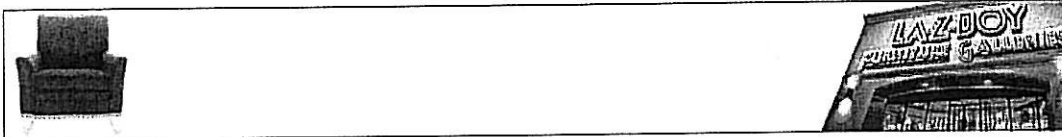
Grass: 45.1 inches

Medium water-use plants: 33.8 inches

Low water-use plants: 16.9 inches

California native plants: 11.3 inches

Source: Western Municipal Water District



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Flood control funding to flow
Upland will get \$13M from feds
By Lori Consalvo, Staff Writer

UPLAND - Congress has finally authorized \$13 million for the city to improve flood control and assist in collecting rain water runoff for underground storage.

Upland was one of 900 cities nationally that received funds from a \$23 billion appropriation under House Resolution 1495.

It's targeted for the Upland Basin Expansion Project that will help improve water recharge and alleviate flood issues in the community. It is on the south side of Arrow Route and east of Monte Vista Avenue.

"This is something we could never do on our own," said City Manager Robb Quincey, noting the expansion project is something the city identified several years ago for public safety.

He said Upland has always had a problem with water runoff in streets during heavy rain.

"Just from the very small amount of rain we had just a couple of days ago, Euclid turns into a raging current," said Assistant City Manager Rod Foster.

Upland has already spent \$5.3million on its master drainage plan, which includes construction of a 7- to 8-foot-wide regional storm-drain system through San Antonio Avenue this summer. But there are many more projects planned to correct the water problems throughout the city.

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expanded basin will collect more than 1,300 acre-feet of storm water to be sunk into the ground. The water would otherwise flow into the ocean and be lost, city officials said.

In addition to the basin project, the money will help build other storm-water infrastructure.

This is the largest amount of federal money the city has ever received.

The decision to authorize the federal money was approved by the House 381-40 about three weeks ago. The Senate passed the measure 81-12 on Monday.

"(The money) just puts into perspective all the hard work we've put in over the years," said Mayor John Pomierski.

He said the city made several inquires about the appropriation as well as taking several trips

to Washington to emphasize to officials how much the funds were needed.

Pomierski said Rep. David Dreier, R-San Dimas, was instrumental in assisting the city on this.

Alisa Do, legislative director at Dreier's office, said Upland has special flood-control needs.

"The whole city is on a slight incline ... and there are a lot of water-management problems when it rains," Do said.

The decision to grant the bond money to Upland was aided by the idea that the storm-water improvement projects would also help neighboring cities like Montclair, Chino and Claremont.

Arcadia and Sierra Madre are two other cities that will receive money from the Water Resource and Development Act. They are in a joint partnership for a water infrastructure program and set to receive \$20 million.



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