



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

**Thursday, October 11, 2006**

10:00 a.m. – Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting

*AT THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER OFFICES*

*9641 San Bernardino Road  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730  
(909) 484-3888*

**Tuesday, October 16, 2006**

9:00 a.m. – Agricultural Pool Meeting

*AT THE INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY OFFICES*

*6075 Kimball Ave. Bldg. A Board Room  
Chino, CA 91710  
(909) 993-1600*



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**CALL TO ORDER**

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

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## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. MINUTES

1. Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting – September 13, 2007



**Draft Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**JOINT APPROPRIATIVE & NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING**  
September 13, 2007

The Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting were held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on September 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. which was rescheduled from August 9, 2007.

**APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Raul Garibay, Chair	City of Pomona
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Teri Layton	San Antonio Water Company
Mohamed El-Amamy	City of Ontario
Rosemary Hoerning	City of Upland
Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Crosley	City of Chino

**NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kevin Sage	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
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**Watermaster Board Members Present**

Sandra Rose	Monte Vista Water District
Terry Catlin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**Watermaster Staff Present**

Sheri Rojo	CFO/Asst. General Manager
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present**

Marty Zvirbulis	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
David DeJesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Rick Rees	CIM – DOS
Gary Meyerhofer	Carollo Engineering
Ron Craig	RBF Consulting
Jim Erickson	Law Offices of Jimmy Gutierrez

Chair Garibay called the joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

It was noted Business item A1 and B1 will be switched in reporting order.

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*Motion by DeLoach, second by El-Amamy and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred – with one abstention from Hoerning on the minutes*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar items A through B, as presented***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS – Note Item A and B were taken out of order**

**B. Dr. SUNDING MICRO-ECONOMIC REPORT**

Mr. Manning stated the newly updated Micro-Economic Report which was performed by Dr. Sunding was transmitted via email today and a copy of the report is on the back table. Mr. Manning stated a workshop on the report was recently held in the City of Ontario. Counsel Fife stated the first draft report was distributed on August 22, 2007; Dr. Sunding has revised that report which incorporated the comments received at the recent workshop as well as the comments received from Dr. Hatched and Dr. Mann. Counsel Fife stated there is an accompanying staff report for this item which explains some of the background and specifically section II which describes a process that Watermaster intends to go through with the parties based on this report. Since the workshop, several individual meetings have taken place; some of the parties had specific issues with the report and desired specific responses from Watermaster in response to the report. Counsel Fife noted that in order to address concerns and still allow the report to move forward today, the parties engaged in a series of meetings and just yesterday arrived at the language that is in the staff report before you. Counsel Fife stated staff is recommending the Pools recommend the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board receive and file the Micro-Economic Report conditioned on and based on the completion of the process as described in the staff report. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to this item. Several parties noted concern over just now receiving the report and not having enough time to digest the report in its entirety on such short notice. A discussion regarding holding a special Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool meeting prior to the Advisory Committee meeting on September 27, 2007 was discussed. Counsel Slater stated there is a lot going on right now and there are very important steps that need to be taken to move forward on the schedule previously handed out and discussed. Counsel Slater stated the role of Dr. Sunding's Report comes from the requirement of the Peace II Term Sheet. The report is a foundational document which is mentioned in the Resolution and is something that will be transmitted to the court as background for the court's actions. It may also be referred to in pleadings as the Macro-Economic Report was; it was not approved, it is an opinion of an expert and Watermaster did not control the expert or direct the experts' opinion in any manner. The Report will be part of the record only. Counsel Slater stated parties can make a recommendation to receive and file this Report subject to further comments of the parties for their input, subject to the work that may be done or not done regarding the baseline. A discussion ensued with regard to the action needed today or at a subsequent meeting for the Dr. Sunding Report to be presented to the Watermaster Board on September 27, 2007. A volume vote was requested for the motion on the floor accepting staff's recommendation.

*Motion by DeLoach, second by El-Amamy and by majority volume vote – Non-Ag concurred*

***Moved to receive and file Dr. Sunding micro-economic report subject to the process described in the staff report, as presented***



#### **A. PEACE II LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

Mr. Manning stated the Legal Documents have been subject to review for a long time. A series of phone calls with various parties dealing with specific issues has occurred over the last few days; staff feels there is resolution on those items. Mr. Manning noted the last phone call was at 4:00 p.m. yesterday and the comments that were made are incorporated in the documents being presented today. Mr. Manning stated Counsel Fife is here to review each of the documents and Counsel Slater is here today to answer any questions. Counsel Fife stated on the back table there are a number of documents including a few documents that have not been distributed before which have been promised to the parties. Counsel Fife summarized all the documents in detail to the parties. Counsel Fife stated there is a brief staff report on the back table which contains staff's recommendation on this item. Ms. Rose commented on the 4:00 p.m. conference call scheduled for today. Counsel Slater stated there are three things happening concurrently and counsel and staff are attempting to manage them and protect the right of the Board to make a decision at the September 27, 2007 Watermaster Board meeting. Counsel Slater discussed the three items and how they could affect the outcome. Counsel Slater stated what is being asked of the Committee Members for today is that this suite of documents be recommended for ultimate approval on the 27<sup>th</sup> subject to the workout that is referenced in Paragraph 7 and if the workout does not come in, in that amount of time, the basis of the recommendation would be subject to the qualifications that we did not complete Paragraph 7 in a manner that was acceptable to the parties. The parties are being asked today to, 1) if there is a continuance for further digestion of the Dr. Sunding Report, 2) should the Sunding baseline be expanded to pursue a third alternative which has a cost associated with that, and 3) which is the initiation of a process to deal with the output regardless of whether the report is expanded or not. Watermaster is recommending that this process go forward regardless of the outcome as to whether Dr. Sunding runs a new baseline. If the parties want the process to go forward, the documents being presented today do not need to be modified outside of the Dr. Sunding Report. Mr. DeLoach stated there are no changes to these documents; no opposition to these documents outside of the one paragraph, it is a placeholder for future work. Counsel Slater concurred. Counsel Slater stated it is counsels' understanding that the City of Chino Hills issue is imbedded into Paragraph 7 and it is imbedded into the process. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to this issue and Tier II water allocations. A discussion ensued with regard to procedures.

*Motion by El-Amamy, second by DeLoach and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred*  
***Moved to approve the Peace II legal instruments subject to the process regarding the socio-economic impacts as described in the staff report for the Sunding Report, and subject to conforming changes that may be developed in advance of the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings, as presented***

#### **C. 20-GALLON CHALLENGE**

Mr. Manning stated the resolution being presented today is very similar to the resolution adopted by Inland Empire Utilities Agency recently. 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.

Mr. DeLoach asked that Chino Basin Watermaster and Inland Empire Utilities Agency work with the retail agencies in this effort. Mr. Atwater noted they are doing weekly ads in the newspaper.

*Motion by DeLoach, second by El-Amamy and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred*  
***Moved to approve to adopt Resolution No. 07-04 encouraging residents and businesses to help drought-proof the Chino Basin by participating in the 20-Gallon Challenge for voluntary water conservation, 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 14, 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 report 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 the 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

Mr. Wildermuth stated his office is calibrating the model at the moment. We are attempting to finish the calibration by this weekend and the next step will be to run planning runs/simulations. 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 baseline 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 during these three different scenarios. Comparing primarily alternative one and two deviations from the baseline and from these we will come up with our finding of material physical injury. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed Chart 1 in detail. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the presentation given by Mr. Wildermuth and it was noted a Recharge Master Plan must be done.

2. Peace II Project Description and Planning Alternatives Evaluated with the 2007 Watermaster Model

This item was covered/discussed under the Status Report on Basin Modeling Work.

**C. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Water Activity Report Status

Ms. Rojo stated staff has all the information needed to generate the Water Activity Reports; staff is doing the final reviews for the transfer information which was recently received. Staff is anticipating sending out the Water Activity Reports by the end of next week and is hoping to receive them back by the end of this month.

**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 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 \$8.3 billion dollar bond and there are big 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.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

**V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

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No comment was made regarding this item.

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The Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool committee meeting was dismissed at 11:35.m.

Secretary:

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Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. MINUTES

1. Agricultural Pool Meeting – September 18, 2007



***Draft Minutes***  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING**

September 18, 2007

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on September 18, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**Agricultural Pool Members Present**

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Gene Koopman	Milk Producers Council
Rob Vanden Heuvel	Milk Producers Council
Jeff Pierson	Crops
Glen Durrington	Crops
John Huitsing	Dairy
Pete Hettinga	Dairy
Edward Gonsman	State of California CIM
Dan Hostetler	Cal Poly

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Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
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**Others Present**

Steven Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Rick Rees	Geomatrix for CIM
Jennifer Novak	DOJ – State of California
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Robert Tock	Jurupa Community Services District

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

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It was noted Business item A and B will be switched in reporting order.

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*Motion by Pierson, second by Koopman, and by unanimous vote*

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



**II. BUSINESS ITEMS****B. DR. SUNDING MICRO-ECONOMIC REPORT**

Counsel Fife stated there is a copy of the Dr. Sunding Micro-Economic Report available on the back table. This is a revised version of the report that came out on August 22, 2007. Counsel Fife stated after the initial report was distributed, a workshop was held to review the report and now Dr. Sunding has revised the report in light of the comments received at the workshop. Counsel Fife stated a couple of the Appropriative Pool members have raised issues about what the report shows; it appears to show a disparity of benefits to the parties. Because of this appearance some parties have raised an issue with Watermaster's responsibilities under Exhibit H & I of the Judgment with regard to assessments. Over the last week a series of negotiations have taken place concerning the position that Watermaster, in light of the Sunding Report has an additional duty to address assessments under Exhibit H & I. The action today that staff is seeking is for this Pool to receive and file the Sunding Report; in the staff report there is a process described for continued negotiations and this is a process that is scheduled to commence seven days after delivery of the Sunding Report which was received last Thursday. We will be commencing that process this Friday; it is a continued process to address what Watermaster's responsibilities are with respect to assessments under Exhibit H & I. A special Watermaster Board conference call took place last Thursday where this issue was raised, along with a few other issues. The Board did direct Watermaster to commence the process which is outlined in your staff report. You will notice a follow up meeting has been scheduled for this Friday which is eight days after the delivery of the report which is close enough to the seven days. Staff is asking to receive and file this report today, it is still subject to the initiation of this process and we do not know what the outcome of the process will be. The process, as described in the staff report is purely a process and there is no indication of outcome; it can range from no action, no change to the way Watermaster does assessments, to something else such as a revision to the assessment process. The Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool did vote to make that recommendation to the Advisory Committee and the Watermaster Board; however, it was a sharply divided vote which was calculated by a volume vote. The outcome was 52% to 48% in favor of receiving and filing the report with Non-Agricultural concurrence to forward the recommendation to receive and file. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to Counsel Fife's comments. Counsel Lee commented on the two outside economic consultants which were hired by other parties and that they were one of the reasons additional time was requested. Chair Feenstra inquired to Counsel Lee if he saw any repercussions in approving the receive and file motion being requested today. Counsel Lee stated he had an opportunity to speak with Director Vanden Heuvel recently about this situation and noted that Director Vanden Heuvel felt comfortable in moving forward with the receiving and filing of this report. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to this issue. Counsel Fife commented on the recent Watermaster Board conference call with regard to the motion made to increase the contract with Dr. Sunding by \$5,000 to perform additional work regarding the baseline. This will not be a revision to Dr. Sunding's Report; it will be some additional work and may be a supplement to the report. The final report has now been delivered to Watermaster and that report is what this Pool would be recommending to be moved to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board for a receive and file motion. Mr. Jeske offered comment regarding the discussions at the Appropriative Pool meeting. Mr. Jeske stated he is asking all of us to stay focused on the negotiations of settling Peace II and to stay moving in a forward direction. Dr. Sunding's Report will not be the last report received there will be other reports from Dr. Hatched and Dr. Mann along with others who are filling in information for their own use as we complete the negotiations. A discussion ensued with regard to Mr. Jeske's comments.

*Motion by Koopman, second by Durrington and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve to receive and file Dr. Sunding micro-economic report subject to the process described in the staff report, as presented***

**A. PEACE II LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

Ms. Rojo stated we have a set of Legal Instrument documents on the back table that have been discussed at several meetings, workshops, and conference calls. These documents were also presented to the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool last week which were unanimously approved to be moved forward to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board for approval. Counsel Fife stated these are the documents that you have seen for many months and the core substance has not changed since May of 2006. Staff and Counsel feel the terms of the deal are very stable; there will be some small revisions that the documents will go through from now until the time they go to the Watermaster Board next week. Counsel Fife briefly reviewed the documents being presented today. Counsel Lee stated there is a broad consensus where there are a couple issues raised by a few parties about benefits. Counsel Lee stated he concurs there was a unanimous Appropriative Pool vote with Non-Agricultural Pool concurrence in moving the documents forward through the Watermaster process. A discussion regarding the differences in the benefits ensued. Mr. Jeske offered comment regarding the differences in benefits. Mr. Koopman stated in a conversation with Director Vanden Heuvel he agreed with giving Dr. Sunding the additional \$5,000 dollars and asking for the additional amount of time and noted the end result of the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool meeting was a unanimous vote to move the documents forward. Counsel Fife stated the recommendation in the staff report is basically staff's recommendation for a motion. Counsel Fife stated what staff is recommending is that this Pool approve the documents and recommend the Advisory Committee and the Watermaster Board to also approve the documents subject first to the Socio-Economic process which is described in the staff report for the Sunding Report and then subject to any further conforming changes to the documents which will be made between today and next Thursday with no substitutive changes. Mr. Pierson commented on the documents not being complete and noted he has not seen all the attachments or exhibits yet. A discussion ensued with regard to the documents. Counsel Fife stated what is presented today is a complete package excluding one map and when referencing the blank exhibits it is just filling in the correct letters or numbers at the time of completion. Counsel Fife stated we are asking this Pool to send this forward and it will not be coming back through this Pool; only if there are substantive changes made to the documents by the Board will these documents come back through the Watermaster process. Chair Koopman inquired if Mr. Jeske felt these documents would be thoroughly discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Jeske stated it is on the agenda as a discussion item for full discussion; the court has set the timelines. Mr. Jeske stated there are some very compelling reasons why we should continue to put pressure on ourselves to settle the deal. A discussion ensued with regard to this matter.

*Motion by Koopman, second by Durrington and by majority vote – one no vote from Pierson  
**Moved to approve the Peace II legal instruments subject to the process regarding the socio-economic impacts as described in the staff report for the Sunding Report, and subject to conforming changes that may be developed in advance of the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings, as presented***

**C. 20-GALLON CHALLENGE**

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Counsel Fife stated with regard to the approval of the Subsidence Long Term Plan, there is a hearing scheduled for November 14, 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 report 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 the 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**

Mr. Wildermuth stated his office is calibrating the model at the moment. We are attempting to finish the calibration by this weekend and the next step will be to run planning runs/simulations. 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 baseline 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 during these three different scenarios. Comparing primarily alternative one and two deviations from the baseline and from these we will come up with our finding of material physical injury. Mr. Wildermuth reviewed Chart 1 in detail. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the presentation given by Mr. Wildermuth and it was noted a Recharge Master Plan must be done.

**2. Peace II Project Description and Planning Alternatives Evaluated with the 2007 Watermaster Model**

This item was covered/discussed under the Status Report on Basin Modeling Work.

**C. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Water Activity Report Status

Ms. Rojo stated staff has all the information needed to generate the Water Activity Reports; staff is doing the final reviews for the transfer information which was recently received. Staff is anticipating sending out the Water Activity Reports by the end of next week and is hoping to receive them back by the end of this month.

**D. CEO/STAFF REPORT**

1. Legislative Update

Ms. Rojo stated a full legislative report will be given at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meeting on September 27, 2007.

2. Recharge Update

Ms. Rojo 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.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

**V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Koopman inquired into the interventions that have come through this Pool over the last few months. A brief discussion regarding the interventions ensued.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Feenstra stated he was invited to attend along with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board a meeting regarding several issues last month. Counsel Lee stated he also attended that meeting which was held directly after the last Agricultural Pool meeting last month with some of the Regional Board staff members. One of the issues that came up was the original 1996 Agreement that all the Pools signed. Counsel Lee discussed the permit that was issued regarding the use of water and reporting requirements. Counsel Lee commented on the new agricultural and dairy industry requirements language in the new permit. Through the efforts of Mr. Wildermuth letting them know about the OBMP and Peace Agreement along with a lot of contributions made by the Agricultural Pool specifically the reporting requirements which are being fulfilled by the OBMP the Regional Board came up with a revised draft of that permit taking away a lot of the previous requirements for agricultural. The newly revised permit was unanimously approved last Friday. Chair Feenstra offered comment on the meeting and on the 1996 Agreement. Chair Feenstra thanked Mr. Wildermuth for all his efforts on behalf of agricultural dairymen and farmers. A brief discussion ensued with regard to the approved permit and requirements.

**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

September 13, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
September 18, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
September 27, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
September 27, 2007	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

**Meeting Adjourn**

The Agricultural Pool committee meeting was dismissed by Chair Feenstra at 10:35 a.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_





# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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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
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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
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Bill Pmt -Check	9/26/2007	11740	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMMITTEE	-250.00
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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**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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
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Sep 07				<b>-741,363.78</b>
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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					<hr/> -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 ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS AGRICULTURAL NON-AGRIC.	POOL REPLENISHMENT	GROUNDWATER OPERATIONS SB222	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			-	-
			1,334,789	363,989	32,489			-	-
Agricultural Expense Transfer		1,731,267	393,908	(393,908)				-	-
Total Expenses	1,817,946	10,850	1,817,946	10,850	35,452			1,905,915	7,867,370
Net Administrative Income	3,321,500		(10,850)	(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**

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

<b>CHANGE IN CASH POSITION DUE TO:</b>		
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		(575,600)
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<b>PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>		<b>3,108,886</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:</b>						
Balances as of 7/31/2007						
Deposits	\$	910,275	\$	-	\$	2,115,046
Transfers		3,709,605		-		3,709,605
Withdrawals/Checks		(3,862,129)		62,129	3,800,000	-
		(538,590)		(62,129)		(600,719)
Balances as of 8/31/2007		219,161		-	5,004,271	5,223,932
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<b>PERIOD INCREASE OR (DECREASE)</b>		<b>(691,114)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,800,000</b>	<b>3,108,886</b>



**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				
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS</b>			<b>\$ 3,800,000</b>				

\* 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			
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 5,004,271</b>			

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>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
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%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>5,242,719</u>	<u>7,867,370</u>	<u>-2,624,651</u>	<u>66.64%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	5,242,719	7,867,370	-2,624,651	66.64%
<b>Expense</b>				
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%
<b>Subtotal Admin Expenses</b>	<u>132,981</u>	<u>816,150</u>	<u>-683,169</u>	<u>16.29%</u>
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%
<b>Subtotal OBMP Expenses</b>	<u>702,076</u>	<u>1,867,337</u>	<u>-1,165,261</u>	<u>37.6%</u>
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>



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- A. INTERVENTION – FUJI NATURAL FOOD INC.





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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,

Signed: 

Printed: SATO MASANORI

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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](http://www.acwa.com).*

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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.
- All elements of a public water project involve the "consumption of natural resources". Thus, the CPOFPA would eliminate a necessary tool and put in jeopardy a vast number of public and private water projects to develop new water delivery systems, enhance water supply, and protect drinking water quality, including:
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  - **Water rights needed to convey water to farms and agriculture**
  - **Acquisition of land for pumping sites**
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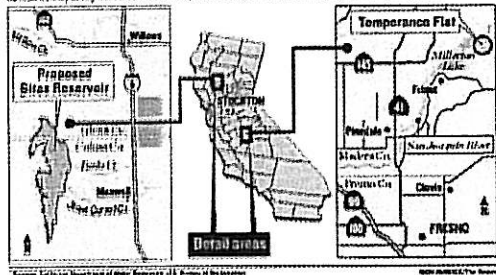
# Rush put on water debate

Governor wants voters to borrow billions to help increase supply

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## Valley dams on tap?

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger plans a \$9 billion water bond proposal to help build two new dams in the Central Valley as well as a bond 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.



Source: Photos by Richard D. Kohnen. Photo of the water by AP/WIDEWORLD

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By **Hank Shaw**  
Capitol Bureau Chief  
September 24, 2007 6:00 AM

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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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.

Contact Capitol Bureau Chief Hank Shaw at (916) 441-4078 or [sacto@recordnet.com](mailto:sacto@recordnet.com).

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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.

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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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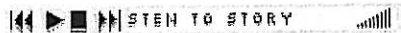
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## Jurupa to link to Norco, Corona water supply



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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.

For more information about the project, call 951-736-2234.

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## Inland consensus elusive on water supply fix



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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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# Inland News

## 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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# Inland News

## New perchlorate rules to kick in Oct. 19

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By **DAVID DANELSKI**  
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.

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# Governor's plan calls for new dams

## LEGISLATORS TACKLE WATER STORAGE NEEDS

By Steven Harmon  
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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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# News

## WATER CRISIS? WHAT'S THAT?

By **Hank Shaw**  
September 15, 2007  
Capitol Bureau Chief

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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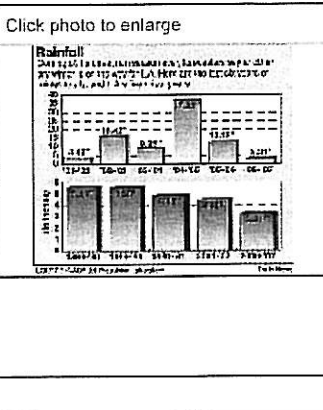
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**If La Nina forms in Pacific, rain will be scarce in winter**  
 BY DANA BARTHOLOMEW, Staff Writer

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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

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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.

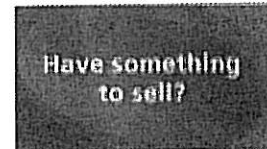
"If we stopped watering the streets, sidewalks and driveways, we wouldn't have to ration water," Patzert said.

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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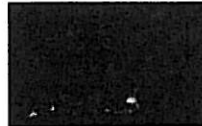
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## Long Beach puts limits on water use

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

September 14, 2007

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 gavelled 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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## 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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Brown and Caldwell's California Water News



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

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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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## 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

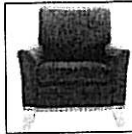
Medium water-use plants: 33.8 inches

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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