



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

**Thursday, December 13, 2007**

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, December 18, 2007**

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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- 1. Engineering Update

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# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. MINUTES

1. Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural  
Pool Meeting – November 8, 2007



*Draft Minutes*  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**JOINT APPROPRIATIVE & NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING**  
November 8, 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 November 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Raul Garibay, Chair	City of Pomona
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Robert Young	Fontana Union Water Company
Charles Moorrees	San Antonio Water Company
Robert Tock	Jurupa Community Services District
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Rosemary Hoerning	City of Upland
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
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**Watermaster Staff Present**

Kenneth R. Manning	Chief Executive Officer
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.

Chair Garibay called the joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

No additions or reorders were made to the agenda.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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A discussion ensued with regard to the Statement of Revenues and Expenses on page 19 of the meeting packet with regard to expenses that are over budget. Ms. Rojo stated the information services included the annual license renewal fee that is paid at the first of the year and the Agricultural legal and technical are for the Peace II effort and a report on that topic is going to be put together shortly addressing this issue. OBMP expenses include the costs for the special referee and her technical referee are over budget, Dr. Sunding which was budgeted for as well as the modeling results; there are going to be other reports on this expense category as well others regarding budget overages. Mr. Manning stated in January Watermaster staff is going to be doing an update and revising the budget based upon the current status as of January 2008.

*Motion by Kinsey, second by Hoerning and by unanimous vote – Non-Ag concurred  
Moved to approve Consent Calendar items A through B, as presented*

## II. BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. CYCLIC STORAGE AGREEMENT

Mr. Manning stated this is Watermaster's 8<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Cyclic Storage Agreement. This agreement was discussed at the recent Strategic Planning Conference in October 2007. Staff needs the flexibility of this agreement to take water in advance of demand if water is available; it is a mutual agreement between Metropolitan Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and Chino Basin Watermaster. Staff feels this is a good strategy and will be necessary in the future. Staff is asking for approval of for this agreement. A discussion ensued with regard to this item.

*Motion by Kinsey, second by Jeske and by unanimous vote - Non-Ag concurred  
Moved to approve the Cyclic Storage Agreement, as presented*

## III. REPORTS/UPDATES

### A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

#### 1. November 29, 2007 Peace II Hearing

Counsel Fife stated there was a conference call regarding this item yesterday. Counsel and staff are in the process of gathering joinders and declarations in order to support the motion that Watermaster filed on November 26, 2007; that motion is available on the Watermaster ftp site. Counsel Fife stated Watermaster is hopeful to be receiving joinders from all the parties who participated in the Peace II process. Metropolitan Water District will be providing a declaration supporting the 80% reliability number that was used in the Wildermuth Modeling Report. SAWPA will be providing a declaration praising the great benefits of all that Watermaster is doing for the Chino Basin. The hearing is still scheduled for November 29, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. A discussion ensued with regard to the hearing.

#### 2. November 15, 2007 MZ1 Hearing

Counsel Fife stated the hearing for the MZ1 Long Term Plan is still scheduled for November 15, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.; counsel and staff are not anticipating any opposition.

#### 3. Hanson Aggregates

Counsel Fife stated Hanson Aggregates has been notified a complaint is about to be filed against them. Hanson Aggregates has come back with a settlement offer of \$100,000.00; the actual cost to clean up the basin was greater than the settlement amount offered. Inland Empire Utilities Agency did take Hanson's offer to their board; and the rejected the offer. Counsel Fife stated with the rejection of the offer in place a complaint will now be filed against Hanson Aggregates.

4. Water Right Permit 19895

Counsel Fife stated on the back table there is an order from the State Water Resources Control Board and a response that Chino Basin Watermaster filed yesterday to that order. The order denies a petition for an extension of time that was filed three years ago on Watermaster's permit 19895. The Santa Ana River process was recently conducted and in order to get a permit to divert storm flows for recharge purposes; Watermaster already has two permits to perform the diversion. Those two permits were obtained by the Flood Control District with regard to the Day Creek Project and the San Sevaine Project when those projects were started in the late 1980's. Those permits have been under the control of the Flood Control District and a few years ago when Watermaster did the Facilities Improvement Project, those permits were transferred to Chino Basin Watermaster. During the time they were held by the Flood Control they did all the reporting on them and had all the contact with the State Board. Over that period with regard to permit 19895, the reports that the Flood Control District filed were not consistent in their using the correct permit numbers on their reports. Construction on some of the other permits was proceeding much slower than the construction on 19895. This wrong reporting has lead to inconsistent reporting on the projects status. Counsel Fife stated due to this situation the State Board declared the project for permit 19895 has not proceeded with due diligence and therefore revoked the permit. Counsel stated staff had no knowledge this was taking place. Counsel has submitted a request to the State Board asking them to reconsider their decision; this is the pleading that is on the back table and was filed yesterday with the board. Counsel stated the pleading points out the Flood Control's errors in their reports and also stated this project not only proceeded in a timely manner but that this project has been completed for several years. A discussion ensued with regard to this matter.

**B. ENGINEERING REPORT**

1. Engineering Update

Mr. Wildermuth stated his staff is to producing a final version of the new model documentation and the analysis of Peace II instruments. The final section was posted on Wildermuth's and Watermaster's ftp site yesterday. All final documents should be up on those ftp sites by next week. Mr. Wildermuth stated there was a slight change in the technical work on the item of Balance of Recharge and Discharge; a report on this is to be filed every other year. A discussion between Mr. Wildermuth and Mr. Scalmanini took place regarding this report and Mr. Scalmanini understood a tool needed to be complete prior to the report being released. Mr. Wildermuth stated the tool is now complete and the report will be out shortly. Mr. Tock inquired as to the tentative schedule for the Recharge Master Plan. Mr. Manning stated Watermaster staff is working with Black & Veatch and with Wildermuth Environmental on putting that plan together. There is a kick off meeting scheduled on November 20, 2007 for this plan and after that meeting staff will have a more definitive time line.

**C. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Assessment Package Update

Ms. Rojo stated all the Water Activity Reports have been sent out and several have been received back. Ms. Rojo noted staff has now had opportunities to work out discrepancies in numbers and are currently missing five different Water Activity Reports submitted. Once the last few are received staff will be able to run the Assessment Package. Mr. Jeske stated if the parties do not submit the requested paperwork on time. Watermaster should consider assessing the party a penalty.

**D. CEO/STAFF REPORT**

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated on the federal level in looking at the WRDA Act, congress has passed this bill and has sent it on to the president. There was a great deal of dissention at the administrative level about the WRDA Bill, most of that was centered around the idea that the house past a bill that was \$13 billion dollars and the senate passed a bill that was \$14

billion dollars and then they had a joint committee to resolve the differences and ended up with a bill that was \$23 billion dollars. This was then sent on to the president who did not like it and vetoed it. Congress has enough votes in the both the house and senate, and as of yesterday both the house and senate overrode the veto; WRDA is now the law of the land in terms of the ability to get money. Mr. Manning stated there is money in that bill for projects in the Chino Basin. On the state legislative side the governor put together an extraordinary session of the assembly to deal with health care issues and water; no rulings has come out of this assembly to date. Mr. Manning stated he attended a Policy Briefing and Hearing last night and was able to offer comments to the parties regarding water projects for the Chino Basin. The parties at that hearing discussed in length the arguments over surface storage versus groundwater storage.

2. Recharge Update

Mr. Manning stated this month has been the same as the last few months only gaining a few hundred acre-feet of urban run off. Mr. Manning stated Ms. Hoerning is here to present a slide show on the progress being made at the Upland Basin.

Ms. Hoerning stated the slide show represents the progression of construction that has occurred on the Upland Basin Project which is approximately 50% complete. Ms. Hoerning reviewed the slides and offered comment on the progress. Ms. Hoerning extended an invitation to a viewing of the Upland Basin on November 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

**V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment was made regarding this item.

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The Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool committee meeting was dismissed at 10:48 a.m.

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

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



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. MINUTES

1. Agricultural Pool Meeting – November 13, 2007





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

November 13, 2007

The Agricultural Pool Meeting was held at the offices of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on November 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**Agricultural Pool Members Present**

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Gene Koopman	Milk Producers Council
Jeff Pierson	Crops
Glen Durrington	Crops
John Huitsing	Dairy
Pete Hettinga	Dairy
Edward Gonsman	State of California CIM

**Watermaster Board Members Present**

Sandra Rose	Monte Vista Water District
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Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present**

Steven Lee	Reid & Hellyer
Rick Rees	Geomatrix for CIM

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

There were no additions or reorders made to the agenda.

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*Motion by Koopman, second by Durrington and by unanimous vote  
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*Motion by deBoom, second by Pierson and by unanimous vote  
Moved to approve the Cyclic Storage Agreement, as presented*

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*Motion by Pierson, second by Koopman and by unanimous vote  
Moved to approve writing and filing a joinder from the Agricultural Pool in support of Peace II, as discussed*

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## **B. ENGINEERING REPORT**

### **1. Engineering Update**

Mr. Malone stated at the last Agricultural Pool meeting there were a number of questions regarding the groundwater modeling work that has been going on, along with the results, especially how the results relate to safe yield and to hydraulic control. Mr. Malone put up a graphic on the screen and stated that what is shown here are model generated safe yield estimates from 1970 to 2060. The way this scale is calculated is on a ten year average and is based on the formula of total production plus the change in storage in the groundwater basin and then subtracting out any wet or artificial recharge that occurred for replenishment purposes or storage accounts. This is a ten year running average of what the model is telling us what the safe yield is over the calibration period based on hard production data and recharge data. Mr. Malone noted that one of Mr. Koopman's questions last month was regarding the 140,000 acre-feet being a good safe yield number from the beginning of the Judgment forward. Mr. Malone stated at looking at the chart the safe yield number has actually been higher than the 140,000 acre-feet. Mr. Malone stated another question was presented regarding basin re-operation, the desalters, and hydraulic control. Mr. Malone stated the desalters were meant to come in and replace the change in the Agricultural production and Ag production decreases over time; the desalters ramp up and replace that Ag production. The hope is that we create a capture zone that the Regional Board will say yes hydraulic control has been achieved in the basin. Mr. Malone stated the model is telling us that out in the future with just the desalters and no re-operation we do not get hydraulic control and we don't induce much of any additional recharge from the Santa Ana River. With basin re-operation we do induce of about 9,000 acre-feet which is new induced recharge from the Santa Ana River and we do obtain the hydraulic control at the desalter well field. A discussion ensued with regard to Mr. Malone's presentation this far. Counsel Fife stated if we get Peace II approved before the end of the year there is a replenishment obligation that has been incurred this year because there is not the inducement and or the Kaiser water. If basin re-operation approved before the end of the year, the 400,000 acre-feet will be used to satisfy the replenishment that was incurred this year. If we don't get basin re-operation approved by the end of the year then yes there will be a shortfall and a replenishment obligation for this year and Watermaster will have to assess the appropriators for that. A discussion ensued with regard to safe yield. Counsel Fife offered comment regarding the implications of not approving Peace II which is much worse than if Peace II is approved and implemented regarding safe yield. A discussion regarding the Sunding Report ensued. Counsel Fife stated the Sunding Report was an economic analysis of what are the benefits of the Peace II Agreement; the Sunding Report does not have to be

redone due to findings in the Modeling Report. A discussion ensued with regard to the model and to who owns the model. Mr. Manning stated Chino Basin Watermaster owns the model; it can't own real property but it can own assets. Counsel Fife stated Watermaster does own the model; however, it resides with Wildermuth Environmental. Chair Feenstra asked that a report on subsidence be given to this pool at another meeting. Mr. Manning stated a report can be given at a future meeting.

### C. FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 1. Assessment Package Update

Ms. Rojo stated all the Water Activity Reports have been sent out and several have been received back. Ms. Rojo noted staff has had opportunities to work out discrepancies in numbers and are currently missing five different Water Activity Reports. Once the last few are received staff will be able to run the Assessment Package. Ms. Rojo noted an Assessment Package Workshop will be scheduled for December.

### D. CEO/STAFF REPORT

#### 1. Legislative Update

Mr. Manning stated on the federal level in looking at the WRDA Act, congress has passed this bill and has sent it on to the president. There was a great deal of dissention at the administrative level about the WRDA Bill, most of that was centered around the idea that the house past a bill that was \$13 billion dollars and the senate passed a bill that was \$14 billion dollars and then they had a joint committee to resolve the differences and ended up with a bill that was \$23 billion dollars. This was then sent on to the president who did not like it and vetoed it. Congress has enough votes in the both the house and senate, and as of yesterday both the house and senate overrode the veto; WRDA is now the law of the land in terms of the ability to get money. Mr. Manning stated there is money in that bill for projects in the Chino Basin. On the state legislative side the governor put together an extraordinary session of the assembly to deal with health care issues and water; no rulings has come out of this assembly to date. Mr. Manning stated he attended a Policy Briefing and Hearing last week and was able to offer comments to the parties regarding water projects for the Chino Basin. The parties at that hearing discussed in length the arguments over surface storage versus groundwater storage.

#### 2. Recharge Update

No comment was made regarding this item.

### IV. INFORMATION

#### 1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

### V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Feenstra asked that it be noted a discussion regarding recycled water and the invoice on the TMDL Study be placed under pool member comments.

### VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

### VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

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The Agricultural Pool committee meeting was dismissed at 10:15 a.m.



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

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

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KENNETH R. MANNING  
Chief Executive Officer

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** December 13 2007  
December 18, 2007  
December 20, 2007

**TO:** Committee Members  
Watermaster Board Members

**SUBJECT:** Cash Disbursement Report – November 2007

### SUMMARY

**Issue** – Record of cash disbursements for the month of November 2007.

**Recommendation** – Staff recommends the Cash Disbursements for November 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 November 2007 were \$452,569.80. The most significant expenditures during the month were Wildermuth Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$140,246.91, and Hatch and Parent in the amount of \$106,141.58.



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**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**Cash Disbursement Detail Report**  
**November 2007**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Nov 07				
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11830	APPLIED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES	-3,954.60
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11831	BOWCOCK, ROBERT	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11832	BOWMAN, JIM	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11833	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	-5,495.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11834	DIRECTV	-74.98
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11835	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	-1,494.16
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11836	KUHN, BOB	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11837	MEDIA JIM	-855.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11838	MONTE VISTA WATER DIST	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11839	OFFICE DEPOT	-1,845.58
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11840	PURCHASE POWER	-16.70
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11841	QUAKE KARE, INC	-19.50
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11842	SAFETY CLEAN JANITORIAL SERVICES	-730.21
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11843	STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	-712.81
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11844	THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	-156.56
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11845	TLC STAFFING	-668.31
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11846	VANDEN HEUVEL, GEOFFREY	-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11847	VERIZON	-50.29
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11848	VISION SERVICE PLAN	-36.11
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11849	WILLIS, KENNETH	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/1/2007	11850	YUKON DISPOSAL SERVICE	-142.88
General Journal	11/3/2007	07/11/3	PAYROLL	-7,042.87
General Journal	11/3/2007	07/11/3	PAYROLL	-22,396.18
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11865	CITISTREET	-2,617.27
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11866	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-6,991.02
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11867	CITISTREET	-2,860.05
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11868	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-7,049.14
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11869	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-7,000.71
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11870	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-7,000.71
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11851	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	-271.25
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11852	PARK PLACE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC.	-6,450.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11853	PAT BOLDT CONSULTING	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11854	PAYCHEX	-191.86
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11855	PETTY CASH	-533.42
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11856	PREMIERE GLOBAL SERVICES	-273.38
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11857	RAPIDFORMS	-428.47
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11858	REID & HELLYER	-9,989.95
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11859	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Maintenance	-49.00
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Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11861	TLC STAFFING	-524.80
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11862	UNION 76	-97.92
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11863	VERIZON	-333.95
Bill Pmt -Check	11/7/2007	11864	W.C. DISCOUNT MOBILE AUTO DETAILING	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11871	HATCH AND PARENT	-106,141.58
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11872	ACWA	-10,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11873	ACWA SERVICES CORPORATION	-268.11
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11874	CAROLLO ENGINEERS	-8,996.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11875	CLE INTERNATIONAL	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11876	FIRST AMERICAN REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11877	RAUCH COMMUNICATION CONSULTANTS, LLC	-290.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11878	SAFEGUARD DENTAL & VISION	-13.32
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11879	TLC STAFFING	-656.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11880	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	-762.52
Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11881	WESTERN DENTAL SERVICES, INC.	-23.25
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Bill Pmt -Check	11/15/2007	11884	WILDERMUTH ENVIRONMENTAL INC	-140,246.91
General Journal	11/17/2007	07/11/5	PAYROLL	-7,042.87
General Journal	11/17/2007	07/11/5	PAYROLL	-22,396.19
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Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11891	LOS ANGELES TIMES	-44.40
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11892	MAYER HOFFMAN MC CANN P.C.	-6,950.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11893	MCI	-1,169.95

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**Cash Disbursement Detail Report**  
**November 2007**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11894	MONTE VISTA WATER DIST	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11895	OFFICE DEPOT	-268.52
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11896	PAT BOLDT CONSULTING	-775.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11897	PITNEY BOWES CREDIT CORPORATION	-497.72
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11898	PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	-103.60
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11899	PUMP CHECK	-1,191.38
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11900	R&D PEST SERVICES	-85.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11901	RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS-Lease	-4,480.25
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11902	SAGE, KEVIN	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11903	STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	-565.89
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11904	STANTEC CONSULTING, INC.	-999.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11905	TLC STAFFING	-656.00
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Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11908	W.C. DISCOUNT MOBILE AUTO DETAILING	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11909	WHEELER METER MAINTENANCE	-1,050.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2007	11910	WILLIS, KENNETH	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/27/2007	11911	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	-5,495.00
General Journal	11/30/2007	07/11/7	PAYROLL	-2,393.66
General Journal	11/30/2007	07/11/7	PAYROLL	-16,802.09
<b>Nov 07</b>				<b>-452,569.80</b>

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Check Detail  
November 2007

<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
Bill Pmt -Check	11886	11/21/2007	BANK OF AMERICA	1012 · Bank of America Gen'l Ckg	
Bill	40244...	10/31/2007		6909.1 · OBMP Meetings	-735.62
				6312 · Meeting Expenses	-89.95
				6212 · Meeting Expense	-89.94
				6031.7 · Other Office Supplies	-60.05
TOTAL					<hr/> -975.56



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

	WATERMASTER ADMINISTRATION	OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT	POOL ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS APPROPRIATIVE POOL	AGRICULTURAL NON-AGRIC. POOL	GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT	GROUNDWATER OPERATIONS SB222 FUNDS	EDUCATION FUNDS	GRAND TOTALS	BUDGET 2007-2008
Administrative Revenues									
Administrative Assessments			5,139,446		61,606			5,201,052	\$7,540,370
Interest Revenue			36,872	6,192	1,066			44,130	181,500
Mutual Agency Project Revenue		41,667						41,667	145,500
Grant Income								-	0
Miscellaneous Income								-	0
Total Revenues	-	41,667	5,176,318	6,192	62,672	-	-	5,286,849	7,867,370
Administrative & Project Expenditures									
Watermaster Administration	152,461							152,461	627,797
Watermaster Board-Advisory Committee	20,906							20,906	60,645
Pool Administration			5,870	51,895	2,445			60,210	127,333
Optimum Basin Mgmt. Administration		1,244,818						1,244,818	1,857,337
OBMP Project Costs		1,576,187						1,576,187	5,183,883
Education Funds Use								-	375
Mutual Agency Project Costs								-	10,000
Total Administrative/OBMP Expenses	173,367	2,821,005	5,870	51,895	2,445			3,054,582	7,867,370
Net Administrative/OBMP Income	(173,367)	(2,779,338)						-	-
Allocate Net Admin Income To Pools	173,367		133,664	36,449	3,253			-	-
Allocate Net OBMP Income To Pools		2,779,338	2,142,842	584,340	52,157			-	-
Agricultural Expense Transfer			669,384	(669,384)				-	-
Total Expenses	2,951,760		3,300	57,855	4,817			3,054,582	7,867,370
Net Administrative Income	2,224,558		2,892					2,232,267	-
Other Income/(Expense)									
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			2,224,558	2,892	4,817	(2,328,727)		(95,460)	-
Working Capital, July 1, 2007			4,222,727	475,604	156,552	294,397	158,251	5,309,186	
Working Capital, End Of Period			6,447,285	478,496	161,369	(2,034,330)	158,251	5,212,726	

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

**INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS**

Effective Date	Transaction	Depository	Activity	Redeemed	Days to Maturity	Interest Rate(*)	Maturity Yield
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS</b>							
				\$	-		

\* The earnings rate for L.A.I.F. is a daily variable rate; 5.24% was the effective yield rate at the Quarter ended September 30, 2007

**INVESTMENT STATUS  
October 31, 2007**

Financial Institution	Principal Amount	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 4,654,271			
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,654,271</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 October 2007

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jul - Oct 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<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	44,130	181,500	-137,370	24.31%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,286,849</b>	<b>7,867,370</b>	<b>-2,580,521</b>	<b>67.2%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>5,286,849</b>	<b>7,867,370</b>	<b>-2,580,521</b>	<b>67.2%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
6010 · Salary Costs	155,128	477,247	-322,119	32.51%
6020 · Office Building Expense	34,138	101,580	-67,442	33.61%
6030 · Office Supplies & Equip.	12,216	46,500	-34,284	26.27%
6040 · Postage & Printing Costs	31,116	83,000	-51,884	37.49%
6050 · Information Services	55,163	132,000	-76,837	41.79%
6060 · Contract Services	27,449	117,500	-90,051	23.36%
6080 · Insurance	4,160	18,210	-14,050	22.85%
6110 · Dues and Subscriptions	1,529	16,750	-15,221	9.13%
6140 · WM Admin Expenses	765	4,650	-3,885	16.45%
6150 · Field Supplies	63	2,500	-2,437	2.53%
6170 · Travel & Transportation	4,908	25,000	-20,092	19.63%
6190 · Conferences & Seminars	7,429	22,500	-15,071	33.02%
6200 · Advisory Comm - WM Board	5,691	18,931	-13,240	30.06%
6300 · Watermaster Board Expenses	15,215	41,714	-26,499	36.47%
8300 · Appr PI-WM & Pool Admin	5,870	24,001	-18,131	24.46%
8400 · Agri Pool-WM & Pool Admin	5,241	24,004	-18,763	21.83%
8467 · Ag Legal & Techninical Services	43,354	60,000	-16,646	72.26%
8470 · Ag Meeting Attend -Special	3,300	12,000	-8,700	27.5%
8500 · Non-Ag PI-WM & Pool Admin	2,445	7,328	-4,883	33.37%
6500 · Education Funds Use Expens	0	375	-375	0.0%
9500 · Allocated G&A Expenditures	-181,604	-419,640	238,036	43.28%
	233,577	816,150	-582,573	28.62%
6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan	1,171,486	1,716,138	-544,652	68.26%
6950 · Mutual Agency Projects	0	10,000	-10,000	0.0%
9501 · G&A Expenses Allocated-OBMP	73,332	141,199	-67,867	51.94%
	1,244,818	1,867,337	-622,519	66.66%
7101 · Production Monitoring	34,440	116,709	-82,269	29.51%
7102 · In-line Meter Installation	3,942	37,791	-33,849	10.43%
7103 · Grdwtr Quality Monitoring	36,398	162,104	-125,706	22.45%
7104 · Gdwtr Level Monitoring	55,818	212,667	-156,849	26.25%
7105 · Sur Wtr Qual Monitoring	2,524	40,553	-38,029	6.23%
7107 · Ground Level Monitoring	57,973	425,465	-367,492	13.63%
7108 · Hydraulic Control Monitoring	73,581	369,232	-295,651	19.93%
7109 · Recharge & Well Monitoring Prog	14,249	182,827	-168,578	7.79%
7200 · PE2- Comp Recharge Pgm	406,098	1,255,827	-849,729	32.34%
7300 · PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	30,933	159,509	-128,576	19.39%





# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

## II. BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. 2007/2008 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE





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## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** December 13, 2007  
December 18, 2007  
December 20, 2007

**TO:** Committee Members  
Watermaster Board Members

**SUBJECT:** FY 2007-2008 Assessment Package

### SUMMARY

*Issue* – FY 2007-2008 Assessment Package

*Recommendation* – Staff recommends approval:

### Note:

As of the date of this staff report, Watermaster has not heard from the court on issues relative to Peace II. The assessment package that we intend to present at the Workshop and the Pool meeting will contain assumptions consistent with Watermaster's court filing. If the court makes a decision contrary to those assumptions Watermaster will make the changes and notify the parties.

### BACKGROUND

The members of the Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool and the Appropriative Pool were sent a copy of their Water Activity Report that summarized their water activity for the previous year – including production, land use conversions, transfers and assignments – and each party was asked to verify the data gathered and summarized by Watermaster. The Water Activity Reports were received and discrepancies in the reports were addressed and resolved.

Watermaster is going to hold an Assessment Package Workshop on December 11, 2006. The purpose of the workshop is to review the current year cash requirements pursuant to the adopted budget and the resulting impact on assessments. Discussion at the workshop will cover the breakdown of how assessments are calculated, including adding administrative and OBMP budgeted costs, a small reserve balance and offsetting that number with cash on hand at the end of the previous fiscal year to determine the "funds required to be assessed".

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## II. BUSINESS ITEMS

### B. STATE OF THE BASIN REPORT





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### STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 13, 2007  
December 18, 2007  
December 20, 2007

TO: Committee Members  
Board Members

SUBJECT: Receive and File with the court the Final 2006 "State of the Basin" Report

#### Summary

**Recommendation** – Recommend that the Pools, Advisory Committee and Board receive the Final 2006 "State of the Basin" report and direct staff to file it with the court

**Fiscal Impact** – None

#### Background

The Watermaster Rules and Regulations require that on a biannual basis, the "State of the Basin" report be filed. The initial draft of the report was posted to the Watermaster web site in July of 2007 and reviewed with the Pools, Advisory Committee and the Board in August by Mark Wildermuth, as part of his Engineering Report. Since then we have taken comments from parties. Those comments have been considered and the Final 2006 "State of the Basin" Report has been prepared.

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## IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles





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## City proposes hikes to offset drought, improvement costs

By Andrea Bennett, Staff Writer

Article Launched: 11/16/2007 12:00:00 AM PST

ONTARIO - The city is looking to raise its water rates by 12 percent in January and another 12 percent in 2009.

Drought conditions coupled with expensive and much-needed improvements to infrastructure are contributing to the proposed increase. Other Inland Valley cities are expected to seek water rate increases for the same reasons.

Ken Jeske, Ontario's public works director, said the city's water rights provide only about one-third of the city's water use.

The rest is purchased from the Metropolitan Water District, which imports water from Northern California and the Colorado River and the Chino Basin Desalter, which pumps and treats water.

"One of the largest items that goes into rates is the purchase of water," Jeske said. "That value is increasing, and it's expected to continue to increase."

Imported water prices are going up due to simple supply and demand, said Richard Atwater of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

"Because of the drought, you're going to have less supply, and the Metropolitan Water District has certain fixed costs and bonds to pay off," Atwater said. "If you're selling less water, you have to raise the rates to cover those fixed costs."

The dry season also has compelled agencies to try to drought-proof their water supplies.

Jeske said Ontario, for example, is increasing recycled water use in certain areas and is drilling extra wells.

These infrastructure improvements, along with replacing old pipe systems, are contributing to the proposed increases.

In just the next two years, about \$60 million will be spent on Ontario's water enterprise capital improvement program, according to the city's rate study.

Cleaner water means higher rates as well, Jeske said.

As water quality standards tighten, more energy and chemicals are used to treat water, which is high in nitrates and dissolved salts from past agriculture in the area, he said.

Atwater said San Bernardino County imports a lot less water than Los Angeles and Orange

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But residents should still expect them to climb, he said.

"The cost of imported water will probably go up by 10 percent per year for the next couple of years because of the scarcity of water," Atwater said. "That's what happened with the drought from 1992 to 1996. It went up 10 to 15 percent each year."

One difference this go-around is the implementation of Proposition 218.

According to the proposition, if a majority of ratepayers protest a proposed rate change, the new rate can't be imposed.

Jeske said 62,000 notices of a public hearing Tuesday on the rate change have been sent out in the city.

Ontario residents can protest the new charges by speaking at Tuesday's hearing or submitting their written opposition to the city clerk beforehand.

As of Thursday, seven letters protesting the proposed new rates had been submitted to the city.

Many more are expected to be received before Tuesday's meeting.

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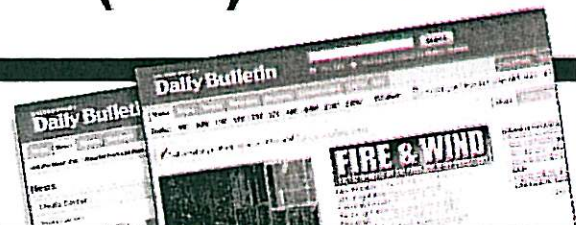
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## Water rationing eyed

### Conservation efforts advised

By Will Bigham, Staff Writer

Article Launched: 11/16/2007 12:00:00 AM PST

CLAREMONT - With drought conditions and lingering uncertainty over the future of Northern California water sources, water-rationing policies have for some time been on the back of local officials' minds.

On Wednesday, Claremont was the first city in the Inland Valley to formally address the issue. The Utilities Committee - which consists of Stacey Matranga and Muriel O'Brien - met to discuss the matter with Scott Carroll, director of the Community Services Department.

The two-member committee of the city's Community Services Commission said it would like to see residents reduce water consumption by 20 percent in five years.

Committee members said they would like to see the city mount a campaign to educate residents about ways to conserve water.

Water-rationing policies - such as limits on when residents can water their lawns - would be a last resort to be implemented if other measures do not reduce consumption, according to the committee.

"We may have to be more drastic, but for now let's start broad," Matranga said.

Any move to implement water-rationing policies or authorize city expenditures for mounting an education campaign would have to come from the council.

The council will discuss the issue no sooner than March, Carroll said.

Uncertainty of water sources has led to rationing policies being implemented this year in Azusa and Long Beach. People in those cities who violate the water rationing policies face fines.

Azusa and Long Beach limit the days of the week and times when residents can water lawns.

Long Beach has instructed restaurants not to serve water with meals unless it is explicitly requested.

Claremont Mayor Peter Yao and Councilman Sam Pedroza said that water-rationing policies are a possibility if drought conditions continue.

"At current conditions we're heading toward a mandatory situation," Pedroza said. "It's not a case of whether we have a choice. How we do it - we're going to have to start thinking about that."

Most Southern California cities receive a sizable portion of their water from Northern California. Pumps at one of those sources, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, may be shut down because the

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# Jurupa board gives manager new pact

By Liset Márquez, Staff Writer

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The Jurupa Community Services District board has unanimously renewed the contract of the district's general manager, Eldon Horst.

The decision was made at Tuesday's board meeting.

"I'm very pleased to have the support of the board, and they expressed pleasure in my accomplishments," Horst said. "In the future we're going to ensure we have adequate water supply and planning of wastewater treatment."

His evaluation by the board, which was closed to the public, took place Oct. 29.

The board opted to hold evaluations for future general managers after last year's departure of former general manager Carol McGreevy for poor performance, board member R.M. "Cook" Barela said.

Board member Jim Huber said he would not elaborate on the evaluation because it is a personnel matter.

"I think the man has done one hell of a job for the district this past year," Huber said.

Board President Ken McLaughlin also shared his sentiments.

"He is the future of Jurupa Community Services District," he said.

McLaughlin described Horst as a dedicated and confident worker.

"He knows the water world. We have the right individual at the helm," McLaughlin said.

In early October, Horst gave the board a list of what he sees as his accomplishments this year. He also presented the panel with a three-page document outlining his goals for next year.

Those goals included improving customer service and developing water-conservation policies, Horst said.

"It would be a new initiative," he said. "It's about doing our part in Jurupa to encourage wise use of water. We're also looking forward to improving Eastvale programs."

Before being named general manager, Horst was assistant general manager for nearly 10 months.

During his tenure as general manager, Horst said, the district has revamped Pressure Zone 98, which has the highest producing water wells in the district.

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Horst has also added three top level positions to his staff: director of finance, director of engineering and operations, and director of parks.

Before joining the district, Horst was executive manager of engineering and operations for the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. He also worked for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for 32 years.

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## Water firm runs poll

### City takeover of service surveyed

By Will Bigham, Staff Writer

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CLAREMONT - The private water company the City Council is considering seizing through eminent domain recently conducted a phone poll to gauge public support for the effort, among other things.

Golden State Water Co. commissioned the poll, which touched on residents' opinions of water service in the city and the city's proposed takeover of the water service, and gauged opinion among residents of council members who favor the takeover.

"Many residents are upset because the research firm is calling them as many as 4 to 5 times in one evening, often after 9 p.m.," City Manager Jeff Parker wrote in his City Council weekly update. "In some cases, residents have reported that the callers claim to be conducting a survey on behalf of the city."

Alice Shiozawa, district manager at Golden State Water, said the poll was a customer-service survey that the company periodically conducts "so we just know how we're doing."

Shiozawa acknowledged that not all the

questions related to water service. She would not elaborate on what specific questions were asked, saying simply: "The survey covered a wide range of topics."

Polling was conducted from Tuesday to Thursday last week.

"The results are being compiled at this time, and it is our intent to share the results with city officials," Shiozawa said.

Former Mayor Diann Ring said she was called after 9 p.m. by the polling company. Some questions were related to water service, she said, but the majority were about the proposed condemnation process.

Ring said she was asked for her opinion of council members Linda Elderkin and Ellen Taylor, who both favor government takeover of Golden State Water.

Other residents told Ring they were asked about Mayor Peter Yao and Councilman Sam Pedroza, who also favor eminent domain. Eminent domain gives government the right to take private property for public use with just compensation given to the owner.

"It's an expensive poll - there's no doubt about that - because it took 20 minutes to complete," Ring said.

The polling was conducted for Golden State Water by the Houston-based Promark Research Corp. A representative of the company, reached

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by phone Wednesday, declined to comment.

City leaders have long complained that the company charges Claremont customers unfairly high rates to offset the company's more costly water delivery elsewhere in the state.

A recent rate survey conducted by Black & Veatch indicates Claremont residents pay the highest water rates among Inland Valley cities.

Four out of five council members now favor, in concept, seizure of the company.

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# Forecasters predicting more dry weather ahead

By Elise Kleeman  
Staff Writer

**LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE** — No relief is in sight for bone-dry Southern California.

For months, the trade winds have been blowing east across the Pacific, churning the ocean and bringing cold, deep water to the surface — the hallmark of a La Niña event.

With La Niña will likely come another mild winter, meteorologists say, without the rainfall needed to refill depleted reservoirs and dampen fire-prone wilderness areas.

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In Pasadena, Patzert said, four out of every five La Niña events bring unusually low rainfall totals. The dry conditions are expected to stretch across the

entire southern United States.

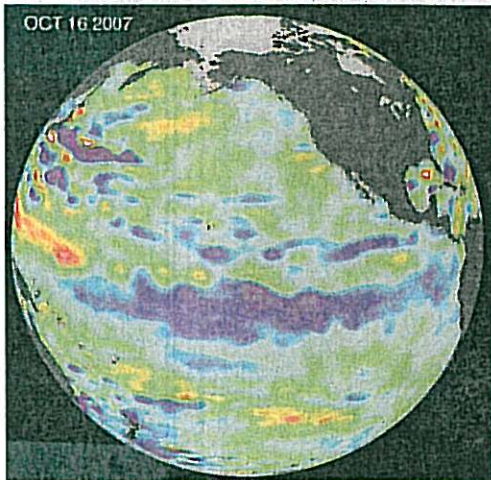
"There is an extreme drought in the Southwest, but we have an exceptional drought in the Southeast, so this is definitely not good news for them," Patzert said.

La Niñas, the near opposite of El Niño events, occur every three to six years, said Gerry Bell, a climate forecaster for the National Weather Service.

"La Niña keeps the jet stream further north, up toward Oregon, Washington and Canada," Bell said. "The jet stream dips southward much less, and so therefore you don't get as many storms" over Southern California.

The Pacific Northwest, by contrast,

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**LA NIÑA'S SIGNATURE:** This image of the Pacific Ocean was produced using sea-surface height measurements taken by the U.S-French Jason altimetric satellite. Places where the Pacific sea surface height is higher (warmer) than normal are yellow and red, and places where the sea surface is lower (cooler) than normal are blue and purple. Green shows where conditions are near normal. Sea-surface height is an indicator of the heat content of the upper ocean.

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will likely have a wetter-than-normal winter.

La Niñas typically peak in winter and last between 12 and 18 months, Bell said, though because this one is still strengthening, meteorologists do not know how long it will endure. Some climate models have suggested it will remain a moderate event, others that it will become even stronger.

Either way, the news does not bode well for firefighters.

In the Angeles National Forest, the fire danger rating "remains at extreme, which is level five (of six), indicating there is a likelihood of catastrophic fires," said Stanton Florea, the forest's fire information officer. "There's going to be extreme fire danger until we get significant rainfall."

In fact, Florea said, at a meeting of officials from Southern California national forests, "everybody agreed that the fuel moisture level is consistent with critical level six," but the danger rating was lowered because of improved weather conditions and fire crew availability.

The Angeles National Forest reopened at midnight today, two weeks after tinder-dry vegetation and gusting Santa Ana winds forced a temporary emergency closure.

There could be some cause for optimism, though, for those who believe in mythology. Legend holds that oak trees become laden with acorns before a winter of heavy rain, Patzert said.

"I've had a huge fall of acorns, it was like being in a hail storm some evenings, so many acorns," he said.

"If you have to put some money on it, go with the science," Patzert said, "but I've kind of got my fingers crossed the acorns are right."

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# San Bernardino Co.

## Feinstein introduces measure to increase region's water supply

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Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties can expect a larger water supply under a measure introduced this week by Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

The bill would authorize funding to increase the three counties' water supplies by 31,000 acre-feet per year, or enough to meet the water needs for 64,000 households in the region, Feinstein, D-Calif., said.

The bill, if passed, would provide \$10 million to help construct a natural water treatment system for the Santa Ana River, \$26 million for construction of a desalination and reclamation project at the Lower Chino Dairy Area and \$12 million for the creation of the Center for Technological Advancement of Membrane Technology and Education in Orange County.

"The plan solves many water supply problems, reduces energy consumption, restores habitat and provides significant jobs and economic benefits to one of the nation's most densely populated areas," Feinstein said.

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## Rains don't satisfy need

### Water rationing still a possibility

By Will Bigham, Staff Writer

Though the rain the past couple of days provided a welcome respite from record dry conditions, local water officials say an extended rainy period is needed to avoid rationing policies and potential rate hikes.

"One day of rainfall, we're happy to see it. But we're not getting too excited about it," said Kirk Howie, assistant general manager at Claremont-based Three Valleys Municipal Water District. "We need to have this consistently during the winter season to have an impact."

If dry conditions resume, rationing policies - such as limits on landscape watering - could be implemented in the Inland Valley as soon as March, water officials say.

And if water continues to be scarce from both local and imported sources, price figures on water bills could rise as well.

About 2 inches were expected to fall locally by the end of rainstorms Saturday, said Philip Gonsalves, forecaster for the National Weather Service.

The rainstorm's total is by far the highest in this year's dry season. More rain is needed, though water officials can't quantify how much, said Bob Muir, spokesman for the Metropolitan Water District.

"It's not as though we can point to one number, and say that would be the answer to our water-supply issues in 2008," Muir said.

"We need what's happened in Southern California (Friday) to be duplicated for all of our water sources, on a continuous basis."

As drought conditions have worsened, many local water agencies have called for voluntary conservation and have offered rebates to those who switch to water-friendly appliances.

Very few cities have instituted rationing policies, but if dry conditions continue, more will follow suit.

The MWD, which imports water from Northern California and the Colorado River for use in Southern California, anticipates that its water supplies in 2008 will be 30 percent lower than normal.

If the agency delivers less water to its subsidiaries across the region, it may mandate reduced water consumption. If that happens, rationing policies will likely follow.

For that to be avoided, "It would have to probably be a better than average year in rainfall in Northern California," said Muir. "That would be

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a start, and maybe if we had improved conditions on the Colorado River as well."

Rationing policies, if they are implemented, would have a greater impact on water customers than rate hikes, which will likely be muted, said Tom Love, executive manager of engineering for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

"Rates might need to go up a little bit because of the water shortage, but not a large amount," Love said. "Because most, if not all, water agencies have a rate-stabilization fund.

"In years when they do sell a lot of water, they put some of that money aside for down years," Love said. "So if it's a water shortage that lasts for one or two years, they won't have to make a big adjustment to their rates."

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## Someone to know

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently reappointed Bill Ruh, a Montclair councilman, to serve as a member on the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The board is a regulatory agency that oversees water quality and resource issues in an area that covers San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties.

"I'm very pleased to be reappointed, and my hope for the next four years is to continue the good work we've done," Ruh said.

"Our (water) region is considered one of the best in the state. We have a collaborative process in which we work together with business, the environment, community and staff to try to come up with solutions we can all live with, and that's innovative."

Ruh was first appointed in 2001 by Gov. Gray Davis to fill a vacant seat on the nine-member board and was reappointed for a four-year term in 2003 by Schwarzenegger.

He has been an active community leader for nearly 20 years, having served a decade on the Montclair Planning Commission. He also served on the Monte Vista Water Board from 1991 to 1998.

Ruh, Montclair's "newest" council member, was elected to serve on the council in 1998. He also serves as a member of the Montclair Education and Legislative committees and the Community Action Committee panel.

Ruh, a lifelong Montclair resident, received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of La Verne. He is the governmental affairs director for the Citrus Valley Association of Realtors.

"I just think it's important to give back," Ruh said. "I've been fortunate to be able to have some achievement in life, and it's important to give back and help other people achieve. My mother always told me public service is the rent you pay for the space you take up on Earth."

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## District to send recycled water to schools, parks

By Neil Nisperos, Staff Writer

**MONTCLAIR** - With water increasingly in shorter supply, officials are taking measures to conserve through the use of treated water.

The Monte Vista Water District has plans to bring recycled water to the city's schools and parks by building a new pipeline to carry the non-potable treated water.

"The system that we're building is a completely separate system from our potable water system," said Monte Vista Water District general manager Mark Kinsey. "The whole purpose is to ensure separation."

The city uses potable water for use in landscaping at its schools and parks. In addition to conserving a valuable resource, officials say the switch will save the schools and the city money because they will be paying a 25percent discount rate for the service, Kinsey said.

"We're using drinking water to take care of our landscape issues and the availability of the recycled water will give us an opportunity to save money for the schools," said facilities maintenance manager for the Ontario-Montclair School District Steve Orona.

That money can be used to further education rather than maintaining potable water systems.

"For us, it's an opportunity as a district to do our part to save our drinking water and for the future," said Orona.

Construction on the two water district recycled water pipelines should begin this winter and be complete by late spring or early summer, Kinsey said. The pipes connect to a larger recycled water pipe managed by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. The recycled water comes from a water treatment facility in the Rancho Cucamonga area, said Monte Vista spokeswoman Mary Ann Harvey-Melleby.

The recycled water will connect to six schools: Buena Vista, Lehigh, Monte Vista and Kingsley elementary schools, Vernon Middle School and Montclair High School. The new water infrastructure will also serve Sunset, Sunrise, Alma Hoffman, Kingsley, Saratoga and Wilderness parks.

About 30percent of the local district's water comes from Northern California, but with drought-like conditions and a judge's order to protect a fish species in the Sacramento Delta, the water district is increasingly relying on supply from the Chino groundwater basin, Kinsey said.

"This is a reliable drought-tolerant supply source," Kinsey said of the recycled water. "It replaces potable water with different recycled water supply sources and it extends drinking supplies."

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## Stop the plume's spread ... now

**OUR VIEW:** Rialto can't wait for the courts; it needs state and federal help to clean up groundwater contamination as quickly as possible.

For Rialto's leaders, it's becoming apparent that the battle against perchlorate contamination is more than the city can handle on its own.

Not that the city hasn't been trying to get help in its quest to clean up the groundwater. But those efforts haven't yielded much, so now Rialto is taking more definitive steps to corral some high-powered assistance.

Rialto City Council declared a state of emergency last week to deal with the city's dwindling supply of water. The council hopes that move will be a precursor to a similar declaration by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, which could make state funds available to help clean up the perchlorate.

Also last week, Councilman Ed Scott said he was inviting a federal Environmental Protection Agency official to come to Rialto and tell council members just how EPA's Superfund program works.

Until recently, Scott, a member of the City Council's perchlorate subcommittee, has opposed a Superfund designation for Rialto, fearing that the "stigma" would depress property values and scare away potential business enterprises.

Saying that state agencies have thus far failed the city in its efforts to clean up the toxic underground plumes, Scott said he would ask his fellow council members to vote on asking the governor's office to request that the 160-acre site

in northern Rialto be considered for a Superfund cleanup.

That's the right course of action at this point. Rialto has spent more than \$13.5 million on legal fees, but the city's every thrust has been parried in court by the corporations that Rialto claims are responsible for the pollution; the legal fight drags on with one court delay after another.

Meanwhile, the perchlorate relentlessly moves "downstream" in its underground plumes. Rialto says 360 million gallons of water a month are contaminated.

That's the crux of the matter after all: The contamination must be cleaned up and the spread of perchlorate stopped. The legal wrangling over who ultimately pays how much may drag on for years - the estimates for cleanup costs run as high as \$300

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million - but the cleanup itself ought to start now.

The EPA should be able to help. Wayne Praskins, a Superfund project manager whom Scott hopes to bring to Rialto, said his agency could begin its cleanup orders to suspected pollutions even before the site might be added to the federal Superfund list.

We'd like to see the governor declare an emergency and the U.S. EPA get involved as soon as possible. The city discussed a possible state of emergency and a request for \$23 million in state cleanup funds in September. City officials met with Praskins about EPA involvement back in August.

Sure, there's a federal lawsuit scheduled for October, but that's when it might start - who knows how long it could drag on.

In the meantime, Rialto needs state and federal authorities to help get the contamination cleaned up.

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## Man denies medal claim

### Board member pleads not guilty

By Will Bigham, Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES - The Pomona water board member charged with falsely claiming to have won the Medal of Honor pleaded not guilty Monday during an arraignment in a federal court downtown.



### Audio: Alvarez claims Medal of Honor award

Xavier Alvarez, who represents south Pomona on the governing board of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District, was charged by federal authorities in September.

The trial was set for Jan. 22. A public defender was appointed for Alvarez.

He was recorded making the medal claim during the July 23 meeting of the Walnut Valley Water District, where he spoke to the board after being introduced as a guest.

At the meeting, Alvarez said he was wounded multiple times while serving as a Marine during the Vietnam War.

He later admitted that he never served in the military.

Alvarez declined to comment after Monday's hearing. His appointed public defender, Brianna Fuller, also declined to comment.

Bob Kuhn, president of the Three Valleys board, said he believes Alvarez is guilty of the medal charge, a misdemeanor.

"I heard the tape, and I heard the introduction, and it was very clear to me," Kuhn said. "There's no question in my mind that he's guilty of putting himself out there as a Medal of Honor winner."

Kuhn and other local officials, including Pomona Mayor Norma Torres, have called for Alvarez to resign from his seat on the Three Valleys board.

Alvarez can be removed from office only if he is found guilty of a felony, or if he is unable to perform his district duties for 90 days, Kuhn said.

Kuhn said he didn't expect Alvarez to receive a jail sentence if he is found guilty of the medal charge, predicting instead that Alvarez will be asked to do "good deeds" such as community service.

Fred Lantz, vice president of the Three Valleys board, said of Alvarez's plea: "Either he doesn't understand the gravity of the charge, or he doesn't understand that he's on tape saying those statements."

Alvarez was censured by the Three Valleys board Oct. 26 for illegally funneling spousal health benefits to a woman who divorced him in

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Three Valleys officials have forwarded a complaint regarding Alvarez's apparent misappropriation of public funds to the Public Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

David Demerjian, head deputy of the division, said the matter was "still in the review phase. We haven't decided what we're doing yet."

Several additional claims that Alvarez, a 49-year-old Pomona native, has made about his past appear to be untrue.

He has claimed he earned an engineering degree from Cal Poly Pomona, though the school has no record of him ever attending.

He listed his occupation on last November's ballot as "engineer." He has refused to publicly disclose where he works or even if he is employed.

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## Closed-door water talks frustrate Rialto council

Jason Pesick, Staff Writer

Rialto wants its groundwater cleaned up, but a local water board has cut the city out of talks with three companies who are in "closed-door briefings" on the remediation process.

The city, which wrote a strongly worded letter Monday to the state's Environmental Protection Agency headquarters complaining about the insider talks, views the negotiations as a slap in its face.

It wants to be at the table on the talks to clean up industrial chemicals discharged in its northern section because it did a lion's share of the legwork to build a legal case against the companies.

The three companies accused of contaminating a 160-acre site in Rialto are Goodrich, Emhart - a defunct division of Black & Decker - and Rialto-based fireworks company Pyro Spectaculars.

The purpose of the letter on Monday was to request that state EPA Secretary Linda Adams order the local water board to open the door to city officials on the talks with the companies.

"Rialto needs more than a prayer and a hope that the regional board staff will safeguard

Rialto's water interests," wrote councilmembers Winnie Hanson and Ed Scott. "We simply want our underground drinking water supply cleaned up so it can be replenished in the future."

Rialto officials say that 720million gallons of water will become contaminated while the water board and companies "talk" over the next few months.

"I think it's totally ridiculous," said Scott, a member of the council's perchlorate subcommittee.

"Why are they doing it behind closed doors? It makes no sense to me," he said.

Scott suggested that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger should dissolve the regional board.

The staff of the local water agency - called the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board - and lawyers for the companies, recently agreed to negotiate a possible settlement.

"The parties have agreed to enter settlement discussions," said Bob Wyatt, a lawyer for Emhart.

The two sides only agreed to talk recently after a court hearing was put off last week that would have examined whether public hearings could proceed on who was responsible for the pollution.

"We are seeking a settlement that achieves

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cleanup of the perchlorate and TCE contamination ... (flowing down from) the 160-acre site," said Gerard Thibeault, the Santa Ana board's executive officer, referring to the Riverside-based Santa Ana board's recent cleanup efforts.

TCE, or trichloroethylene, is a solvent used in various industrial cleaning products.

Perchlorate, used to produce explosives like rocket fuel and fireworks, is flowing through Rialto from industrial sites first used by the U.S. military during World War II.

Perchlorate can be harmful to humans by interfering with the thyroid gland, which plays a role in metabolism and neurological development.

The state umbrella group that oversees the Santa Ana board, called the State Water Resources Control Board, was scheduled to hold hearings in August to determine if the three companies should clean up some of the perchlorate. Rialto and the staff from the regional Santa Ana board, headed by Thibeault, were going to act as prosecutors against the companies.

But before the hearings could start, the companies filed lawsuits saying that the state board process was flawed and asked Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Dzintra Janavs to keep the hearings from getting off the ground.

Janavs halted the hearing process. On Nov. 1,

she consolidated the companies' lawsuits into one and made it clear that no matter what she decides, someone will appeal the case, likely up to the California Supreme Court.

On Nov. 21, the two sides - the companies versus the regional and state water boards, which are represented by the California attorney general - were scheduled to argue about whether Janavs should allow the state hearings to go forward. But Wednesday's arguments were delayed because the parties said they wanted to talk.

Rialto officials complained that they were not part of the discussions between the parties. Rialto provided a majority of the regional board's evidence against the suspected polluters.

"We can only hope that the regional board staff is going to obtain the emergency cleanup that this community needs," said Bob Owen, Rialto's city attorney.

Scott said at the next council meeting on Dec. 4, he hopes the council will vote to recommend Schwarzenegger ask the EPA to declare the 160-acre site a Superfund site.

Also on Wednesday, Thibeault ordered Ken Thompson, who owns land above the McLaughlin Pit, which is a major source of perchlorate contamination, to conduct a soil and groundwater investigation.

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## New perspective hoped for on board

### Jurupa district's newest members prepare for roles

By Liset Marquez, Staff Writer

GLEN AVON - When newly elected board members, Kathie Bogart, Jane Anderson and Betty Anderson assume their roles in the Jurupa Community Services District, they hope to bring with them a fresh perspective, knowledge of community issues and harmony.

For the past few years the district has been faced with such issues as a \$5million deficit, at times a dysfunctional board and, most recently, criticism from residents about a hike in water rates.

"I think with the change of the guard the district can get off to a fresh start," Bogart said. "New ideas, new eyes and new people that can bring with them a wealth of knowledge from prior experiences."

When the election was certified Nov. 16, incumbent Jack Smith had been defeated by Jane Anderson. A longtime Eastvale resident, she said this was her first bid at public office.

She is active in the community, where in 2000 she established the Eastvale Community

Committee and is part of the Jurupa Citizens Patrol.

Leading the pack with the most civic experience is Bogart, who had been board member since 2005. She resigned at the beginning of this year to apply for the parks director position with the district. The position was filled by Ric Welch.

Betty Anderson, a longtime Mira Loma resident, has been involved in volunteering with the Jurupa Citizens Corps and has been a vocal community member at JCSD meetings for the past three years.

There has been visible discord on the board.

"The board had been at odds for the entire time I was on," Bogart said.

Most recently there has been division between R.M. Barela and Paul Hamrick regarding the minutes of a past board meeting.

All three newly elected members said they hope to bring a new perspective as well as unity to the board.

"I think what happened was there were different personalities that were coming into play rather than dealing with the situation," Jane Anderson said.

She said board members need to remember to leave their personal feelings at home and focus on what their real concern is: "to serve the community."

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The three women will spend the next month preparing for their elected positions by attending workshops that focus on everything from district facilities to the Brown Act, the state's open-meeting law.

All three agreed that district finances are a great concern.

"We need to look at finances at JCSD and make sure we're on track and spending money wisely and make sure they go after grants," Jane Anderson said.

Betty Anderson said she is eager to evaluate the recent increase in water rates.

"One of the first things I want to do is repeal the rate increase and restructure it," she said.

Betty Anderson also said she would like to see if the increase could be spread over a longer period.

All three said they are optimistic about their roles with the district.

"I'm looking forward to working with the current board," Bogart said. "Together hopefully we can make some good things happen."

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# Water supplies to local area being cut drastically

By Shawbong Fok, Staff Writer

The Inland Empire's water supplies from Northern California next year are going to be cut in half thanks to a drought as well as an endangered fish swimming in a delta near Sacramento that needs the water.

In the face of less water flowing locally, landscapers, golf courses and even citrus growers might get socked with higher water bills.

"We might hand water (with a hose) the dry spots," said Bill Henning, superintendent of Shandin Hills Golf Club in San Bernardino.

The water cuts are the result of some of the driest weather in years.

The Inland Empire's apportionment of water next year has been cut because of the drought hitting the state, according to the State Water Contractors, a nonprofit of 27 public agencies that buys water under contract from the California State Water Project.

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, which serves about 600,000 residents in an area spanning Fontana to Yucaipa, is part of this water group.

In 2008, the water district is expected to get 58 percent less water than this year from the state, said Randy Van Gelder, water district general manager.

"I don't know if there'll be a raise in rates," said Joe Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District general manager. "Just because there's a shortage of water from the state doesn't mean there'll be an increase in water rates."

The California State Water Project includes reservoirs, lakes, storage tanks, canals, tunnels, pipelines and pumping and power plants that move and store water in the state.

Collectively, the State Water Contractors deliver water to more than 25 million residents in the state and to more than 750,000 acres of agricultural land.

The water delivery cuts, which are among the largest since 2003 in the Inland Empire, are attributed to a legal ruling that is trying to protect an endangered fish, called the smelt.

That fish needs the water in the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta where it lives. The delta is located at the western edge of the Central Valley by the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

On Aug. 31, U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger limited how much water could be delivered from the delta between December and June.

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The State Water Contractors announced water cuts that will permit the statewide consortium to purchase only 25 percent of the requested water.

This will only supply about half of what's needed for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, officials said.

"We'll have to secure more water from Northern California," Van Gelder said.

Sixty percent to 70 percent of water from the State Water Contractors is used for landscapes, both commercial and residential.

The result of these cuts will be conservation measures, including everything from the showcasing of low water-retention plants and irrigation techniques to tests in San Bernardino parks on remote-controlled sprinklers that conserve water.

This isn't the first time a water shortage has hit Californians. Drought conditions in the early 1990s pushed water agencies to adopt conservation techniques.

"Conservation is a means to adapt to water changes," said Linda Fernandez, an environmental scientist at UC Riverside.

The Inland Empire is one of the nation's fastest growing areas, resulting in more water needs than ever.

Already, San Bernardino County has some 2 million residents, hundreds of thousands of more

people than a decade ago.

Not all water agencies in California will implement the same water-saving techniques.

"Each agency will respond differently depending on local conditions," said Bob Muir, spokesman for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which serves western San Bernardino Valley residents, as well as metropolitan Los Angeles and San Diego.

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## Superfund help sought for perchlorate cleanup

By Jason Pesick, Staff Writer

RIALTO - The City Council has unanimously endorsed a move to petition the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to list a 160-acre industrial tract in the city's northern fringe as a Superfund site.

"It has become very apparent that we need to seek all the help and assistance that we can," said Councilman Ed Scott, immediately prior to the 5-0 vote Tuesday evening.

Even an EPA official who attended the meeting seemed to offer a premature vote of support to the city's efforts to attain the vaunted Superfund listing.

"I think we, like others, started to become concerned last year when the state's process began to get bogged down," said Wayne Praskins, Superfund project manager with the EPA.

The packed Council Chambers burst into applause following the vote.

Superfund is the federal government's hazardous waste cleanup program.

A chunk of the city's northern edge during

World War II was a military storage facility and continues to be used as an industrial site.

The chief contaminant, perchlorate, was discovered in 1997 in Rialto.

Perchlorate is used to produce explosives, such as fireworks and rocket fuel. The perchlorate is flowing underground through much of the city in a plume that continues to grow.

In humans, perchlorate can interfere with the thyroid gland, which is necessary for regulating metabolism and development of the central nervous system.

The council-endorsed resolution petitions the EPA to designate a 160-acre site, bounded by Casa Grande Drive on the north and Locust Avenue on the east, as part of a Superfund site.

The resolution also asks the EPA to consider areas surrounding the source area as part of the possible Superfund site.

Numerous source areas of the perchlorate have been identified.

One of those areas is southwest of the 160-acre site and is being cleaned up by San Bernardino County under order from a state agency.

Praskins recently said state and federal environment officials will ask some of the parties accused of contaminating the area to begin doing investigative work at the source of the contamination.

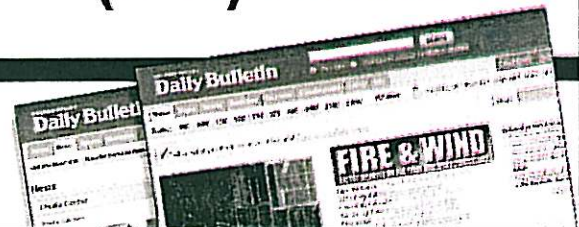
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Over the years, city officials have strongly opposed going the Superfund route and put their faith in state regulatory bodies and an upcoming federal lawsuit against dozens of parties. But the suspected polluters have used their lawyers' mastery of jurisprudence to befuddle state regulators and halt the regulatory process.

The State Water Resources Control Board was supposed to hold hearings to see if three companies - Goodrich, Black & Decker and Pyro Spectaculars - should pay to clean up the contamination, but a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge stopped those hearings from moving forward until questions about the fairness of the process could be settled.

Praskins said the earliest an announcement on whether Rialto could get added to the Superfund list is sometime in late 2008.

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## Storm doesn't dent drought

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Tom Love, executive manager of engineering for the Inland Empire Utility Agency, said Friday's rain helps but wasn't enough to make a significant dent in the region's rainfall shortage.

"Given last year was the driest on record for Southern California, there's a lot of ground to make up," Love said. "A good portion of the water supply comes from Northern California, which is also in a dry year."

Love said the rain average locally is between 12 and 14 inches a year. For a "normal" water supply, rainfall needs to be about 15 inches, and for a significant water supply there needs to be 20 or more inches.

"If it comes all at once in intense storms, there is not as much opportunity to capture it and let it percolate in the ground," he said. "The more spread out the rain is in winter time, the better opportunity to capture it and get it into rain-water storage."

For this time of year, rainfall is running above normal, Love said.

Prior to this storm, the area had received about

1.3 inches this year. The normal for this time of year is 0.8 inches, he said.

"Since July 1, we've had a little bit of rain in September and October, and with this rain we're above normal for the year to date," he said.

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