

Newspaper Clippings from August 1, 2007 – August 7, 2007

Southern California water supplies to be fluoridated starting in October

August 1, 2007 – Californian

By Gig Conaughton

LOS ANGELES -- Regional water leaders, including some from San Diego County, met in Los Angeles on Tuesday to discuss plans to start adding fluoride to Southern California's water supplies in October, more than four years after leaders voted to fluoridate...

2-inch fish threatens area's water supply

August 1, 2007 – sgvtribune.com

Delta smelt - endangered, finger-size fish that smell like cucumbers and live in the Sacramento Delta - could make the current drought even harder for Southern California....

San Diego to Spend \$1 Billion for Sewage System Upgrades

August 1, 2007 – ens-newswire.com

The city of San Diego will spend \$1 billion over the next six years to upgrade its sewer system under a comprehensive settlement filed in federal court today by the Justice Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency....

House passes \$20-billion water bill

Lawmakers fill the measure with projects for their districts. The 381-40 vote should be enough to override Bush's threatened veto.

August 2, 2007 – LA Times

By Richard Simon

Republicans joined Democrats in the often fractious House of Representatives on Wednesday to defy a White House veto threat and approve a massive water bill filled with projects sought by lawmakers for their districts....

Bottled water: A river of money

August 2, 2007

...We Americans pitch 38 billion water bottles a year into landfills -- in excess of \$1 billion worth of plastic. And 24% of the bottled water we buy is tap water repackaged by Coca-Cola and PepsiCo

Plastic water bottles open can of worms

August 2, 2007 – Contra Costa Times

By Denis Cuff

Light, popular and easy to throw away, plastic water and drink bottles are dragging down California's recycling performance....

New drinking water rule could bring \$30 million tab

August 3, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By David Danelski

New state regulations setting a legal limit for the chemical perchlorate in public drinking-water supplies could cost a San Bernardino-area water district as much as \$30 million....

L.A. will use more reclaimed water

Recycled sewage water will be used at parks and golf courses.

August 4, 2007 – dailybreeze.com

After years of controversy, Los Angeles finally is poised to boost its use of reclaimed sewage water to free up drinking supplies amid its driest year on record...

Districts split on need for state OK of football field plans

August 4, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Adam C. Hartmann

Construction has begun on an artificial-turf field at Yucaipa High School, though the project has not been reviewed by a state office that looks at such issues as access for the disabled....

Water bottlers defend reputation with full-page ads

August 4, 2007 – The Californian

By Juliana Barbassa

The industry's reputation took a hit this summer as restaurants, church associations and cities led by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom extolled the virtues of the tap and swore off the bottle, denouncing it as an expensive and environmentally unsound extravagance that leaves millions of empty plastic shells in its wake....

Demand puts sewer system up to its brim

August 5, 2007 – Signonsandiego.com

By Elena Gaona

...What Stone has been forced to do is just one indication of a reality facing the fourth-largest city in the county: an aging sewage treatment plant that needs immediate upgrades to keep pace with demand, and a sewer system that soon will require a major expansion that could cost as much as \$500 million....

Conservation ideas grow during drought

August 5, 2007 – dailybulletin.com

By Canan Tasci

In response to extreme droughts in the 1990s, utility agencies and departments began offering incentives to homeowners who found ways to cut their water consumption....

Debate revived

[25 years after voters defeated the 'peripheral canal,' proposal resurfaces as an option to save the Delta](#)

August 5, 2007 – Sacbee.com

By Jerry Meral

More than 50 years ago, the California Department of Fish and Game recommended that the giant state and federal water projects divert the water they export from the Sacramento River near the town of Hood, south of Sacramento. Fish and Game opposed allowing Sacramento River water to enter the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and be diverted near Tracy. The reason: Diverting the water from dead-end channels in the south Delta would make it impossible to successfully screen out fish sucked in by the massive pumps....

'A 75-year vision' to save Salton Sea

[Legislation pending this summer would further restoration process](#)

August 6, 2007 – SignonSanDiego.com

By Michael Garnder

Nearly 50 years ago, a young Greg Smith celebrated July Fourth fishing, learning to water-ski and getting sunburned on a favorite beach at the Salton Sea....

San Diego County finally moving on pipeline six

August 6, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Twenty years after it was dreamed up, a major new pipeline that would deliver more water from the north is finally inching toward the building stage by San Diego County water leaders....

Silkroad technology Announces Q2 Results For 2007

August 6, 2007 – prweb.com

SilkRoad's updated OpenHire (recruiting management) was greatly received this quarter by the industry. New clients signing up for OpenHire included 84 Lumber, Acceleron Pharma, Albany International, Citizen's National Bank, Eastern Municipal Water District,...

Road to be closed during sewer project

August 7, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

Benton Road from Penfield Lane to Leon Road in the French Valley area is set to be closed starting Wednesday so an Eastern Municipal Water District sewer main can be installed....

Metropolitan Launches Serious Water-Saving Message in Most Extensive Outreach, Education Effort in District History

August 7, 2007 – Business Wire

Under the tagline, "It's Time to Get Serious," the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California today launched the first round of radio advertisements as part of the largest public outreach and education effort in the agency's history to urge consumers and businesses to voluntarily save water during this record dry year....