

Newspaper Clippings from August 18, 2007 – August 23, 2007

County opposes water district master plan

August 18, 2007 – The Californian

By William Finn Bennett

County planners have come out strongly against the San Luis Rey water district's efforts to merge with a neighboring water district so it can build a major water-and-sewer system east of the I-15 along Highway 76, paving the way for eventual construction of thousands of area homes....

Strawberry, flower fields fret at threats to water supply

August 18, 2007 – The Californian

By Barbara Henry

The city's two biggest consumers of agricultural water say they are worried about a proposal by the region's main water provider to cut agriculture water use by 30 percent, a move that county farm bureau officials say means some growers are going to have to reduce their crops....

California's water supply is not endless

August 18, 2007 – The Californian

By Gerald R. Walson

California's Water Plan, prepared by the state Department of Water Resources and currently being updated, always seems to imply that our supply of water to support development is endless....

Tiny Delta fish at center of huge water war

Delta: Sides can't agree on basic facts

August 19, 2007 – sacbee.com

By Michael Doyle

Environmentalists have an ambitious plan to protect the tiny Delta smelt, but the controversial idea will require time, money and well over 1 million acre-feet of water that Central Valley farmers say they can't afford to lose...

Group: Fluoride in Metropolitan Water District Puts Kids at Risk

August 20, 2007 – abc7.com

By Denise Dador

An environmental consumer group wants to get the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to halt their plans to add fluoride to drinking water....

Fluoridation plan draws protest, support

August 21, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Decades-old and still-roiling debates about fluoridating water supplies spilled over Monday as a Metropolitan Water District committee was updated on the agency's plan to add fluoride to Southern California's drinking water in October....

Tap water: now with fluoride

The water agency's plan to mix fluoride into the South Bay's drinking supply should be flowing by November

August 21, 2007 – Dailybreeze.com

By Kristin S. Agostoni

The regional agency that supplies most of the South Bay's drinking water plans to mix in fluoride this fall, despite lingering debates over the additive's health benefits...

Judge likely to restrict, not control Delta pumping

August 21, 2007 – Mercurynews.com

By Micheal Taugher

A federal judge indicated this morning that he plans to curtail - rather than dictate - Delta water pumping volumes to help protect an endangered fish....

Quagga varmints invade county

Worrisome mussels found in San Vicente Reservoir

August 21, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

The hope that an exponentially multiplying mussel that has invaded California could be controlled before it reached San Diego County evaporated this week when tests showed quagga mussels in the San Vicente Reservoir near Lakeside....

Lack of funding for flood control may leave Temecula and Murrieta up a creek

August 21, 2007 – The Californian

By Nicole Sack

A multitude of government officials, ranging from city council members from Murrieta and Temecula to U.S. Congressional liaisons, joined together at City Hall on Tuesday afternoon in an effort to get the estimated \$117 million Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project funded and finished....

Keep Yourself watered

August 21, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Susan Gill

Water, water everywhere. Sparkling water. Vitamin-enhanced water. Fruit-flavored water. How do you know which one is the best for your health?...

Crisis PR in the mines

His style was refreshing to some, but the screeds against reporters and environmentalists by the Utah mine chairman weren't reassuring

August 21, 2007 – The LA Times

As the Utah mine saga moves from catastrophe to, inevitably, a place beyond our collective front-page consciousness, the national media will leave Crandall Canyon families to mourn their losses...

Schwarzenegger, Feinstein describe delta in crisis, urge fixes

Collaboration needed between state and federal officials, governor and senator say.

August 22, 2007 – ocregister.com

State and federal officials must collaborate to restore the delta's ecosystem and preserve water deliveries to farmers and cities, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein said Tuesday in calling the crisis one of the state's most pressing challenges....

Cleanup along San Jacinto River draws fire

August 22, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Steve Fetbrandt

A coalition of environmental groups has asked for an investigation into what they say was illegal destruction of as much as five miles of endangered-species habitat along the San Jacinto River....

Mussels put squeeze on water officials

August 22, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Escondido officials extended a hastily called boat ban on Lake Wohlford from five to six days Wednesday, as state, regional and local officials expressed shock at how fast a tiny, but expensively invasive mussel has raced through California waterways....

MWD to add more fluoride to local water

[Critics say move could hike risk of bone disease in kids](#)

August 22, 2007 – dailynews.com

By Susan Abram

The Metropolitan Water District will begin adding more fluoride to Southland drinking water - including in the San Fernando Valley - despite concerns by some activists that too much of the chemical may cause health problems....

Delta canal fears raised

[No one knows how the project would affect fish, water quality, a panel of scientists contends](#)

August 23, 2007 – sacbee.com

By Matt Weiser

Though old enemies may be looking afresh at a peripheral canal to divert water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a panel of scientists warned Wednesday that no one knows how such a canal will affect the sensitive estuary....

Cost questions put damper on Salton Sea plan

August 23, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Jim Miller

A key Assembly committee has raised concerns about the cost and viability of a sweeping plan to restore the Salton Sea...