

News Paper Clippings from July 4, 2007 – July 10, 2007

How much water is in the ground?

Bill in Legislature aims to find out

July 4, 2007 – Recordnet.com

By Hank Shaw

Legislation that would help reveal how much drinking water remains beneath California communities scored an unusual victory Tuesday. The bill would require local entities to monitor how deep they must delve before hitting groundwater, then report it to the state.

Reservoir valve problem prompts Valley Center water emergency

July 5, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

VALLEY CENTER -- About 650 Valley Center households and a number of agricultural growers got emergency requests on the Fourth of July asking them not to do any outdoor watering because of a faulty 18-inch valve at Cobb Reservoir. ...

Road work wraps up

July 6, 2007 – The Californian

MURRIETA ---- Mesa Plaza shopping center at Winchester and Hunter roads will hold a "grand reopening" event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday to celebrate the end of construction at the intersection.

Controversial study warns of Delta flood

Farmers say massive earthquake scenario exaggerated

July 6, 2007 – Recordnet.com

By Alex Breitler

Delta islands may flood more than 200 times in the next century, and there is a chance of up to 30 or more levees crumbling simultaneously at a cost of \$35 billion, according to a new analysis. But some Delta farmers and water watchdogs say they believe the numbers are inflated to justify construction of a peripheral canal that would convey water around, rather than through, the Delta....

Lower lake level raises concerns

July 6, 2007 – The Friday Flyer

By Sharon Rice

No one has to tell residents the heat is on, lake levels are down and water and electric bills are up. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District is asking everyone to conserve water; in the meantime, the utility is continuing to remove water from the lake at the rate of five million gallons per day, leaving docks at precarious angles and boatlifts in danger of being inoperable....

State turns delta pumps off at night to protect threatened fish

July 7, 2007 – MercuryNews.com

By Garance Burke

FRESNO, Calif.—State water officials decided this week to switch off water pumps in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta at night, hoping that pumping during daylight hours would help protect a tiny, threatened fish species. ...

The river by which other rivers are measured

July 7, 2007 – The Californian

By Mark Walker

A small stream that feeds into the Santa Margarita River on a wildlife preserve in De Luz may provide scientists with a key part of the region's ecological puzzle, as officials use it to gauge what a river in this area should look like...

Pipeline progress raises concern about water quality at Lake Hodges

July 8, 2007 – The Californian

By Quinn Eastman

DEL DIOS ---- The San Diego County Water Authority's progress in building a pipeline between Lake Hodges and Olivenhain Reservoir makes long-standing concerns about treating Hodges' sometimes green water more urgent, water officials said last week.

River is resurrected

The long-dry Owens now teems with birds and fish

July 8, 2007 – Los Angeles Times

By Louis Sahagun

...his charge is the Lower Owens River, a 62-mile-long stretch left essentially dry in 1913 after its flows of Sierra snowmelt were diverted into the Los Angeles Aqueduct. After decades of political bickering, water was directed back into the riverbed in December, launching the largest river restoration effort ever attempted in the West....

Halt the growth

July 9, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

The summer months bring massive media coverage, telling us in California to conserve water and conserve electricity....

Some Inland wells running dry

July 10, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Sandra Stokley

GLEN AVON - When Salvador Campos turned on his kitchen faucet in late May and only a few drops trickled out, the sudden decrease in water produced from the private well at his home in the Jurupa Mountains caused him to put his family on a conservation plan....