

## News Paper Clippings from May 31 – June 5, 2007

### **Aeration system gives life to Lake Elsinore**

May 31, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Mary Bender

LAKE ELSINORE - Tiny bubbles ripple to the surface of this recreational lake, a sign that 12 new pipelines are infusing the water with oxygen...

### **Local officials unveil lake aeration system**

May 31, 2007 – The Californian

By Jose Carvajal

LAKE ELSINORE -- Tiny bubbles in the lake had local officials feeling fine Wednesday as they unveiled a \$2.2 million aeration system they say will improve water quality in the lake and reduce fish die-offs. Consisting of six 4,000-foot-long pipe...

### **METROPOLITAN SUPPORTS STATE DECISION TO SHUT DOWN WATER PUMPS; CALLS FOR AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS LARGER DELTA ISSUES**

May 31, 2007 – MWD Press Release

Southern California imported water needs will be met this year, despite temporary shutdown of pumps supplying water to 25 million in state...

### **Survey of Delta smelt produces troubling results**

May 31, 2007 – Recordnet.com

By Alex Breitler

THE DELTA - Finding a finger-long fish in the West Coast's largest estuary sounds difficult. But it's never been this hard.

### **Water district responds to Delta water action with call for increased conservation efforts**

June 1, 2007 – EMWD Press Release

Because of continuing recent actions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, EMWD officials today have asked all customers to make every effort to postpone all unnecessary water use this summer.

### **Water flow to region cut**

Jun 01, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Jennifer Bowles

SACRAMENTO DELTA: Pumps are shut to protect a fish. Officials urge voluntary conservation, just in case.

### **State shuts off delta water to protect smelt**

June 1, 2007 – LA Times

By Bettina Boxall

...protect a tiny imperiled fish, state water officials Thursday turned...the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Water Resources Director...not hurt deliveries to most State Water Project customers. ...to see rationing." The state acted after more than 200 young...

### **Delta pumps halted**

#### **If shutdown is long, agencies may order conservation or rationing.**

June 1, 2007 – Sacramento Bee

By Matt Weiser

California water officials on Thursday halted water exports from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta after rising numbers of a rare fish, the Delta smelt, were sucked to their deaths in the pumps.

### **Officials expecting no immediate effect on state's supplies**

June 1, 2007 - COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

By Michael Gardner

SACRAMENTO – Bowing to court-ordered pressure, state officials yesterday took the extraordinary step of turning off massive water delivery pumps to save what's left of the endangered delta smelt.

### **State shuts off one of SoCal's water supply taps**

June 1, 2007 – North County Times

By Gig Conaughton

In a move that seemed to shake water leaders across California on Thursday, state officials abruptly shut down the pumps that delivers roughly two-thirds of Southern California's annual water supply to protect a fish, the endangered delta smelt.

### **Smelt decline turns off delta water pumps**

#### **Official says users relying on state project will be OK**

June 1, 2007 – San Francisco Chronicle (Bay Area)

By Glen Martin

In a bid to save a tiny endangered fish, state officials stopped on Thursday the giant delta pumps that deliver water to 25 million Californians, including hundreds of thousands of East Bay and South Bay residents.

### **Delta pumps idled to save smelt**

#### **NO WATER RATIONING SEEN BECAUSE OF MOVE**

June 1, 2007 – Mercury News

By Paul Rogers

In a move that highlights the fragile nature of California's water supply, a silvery, 2-inch-long endangered fish prompted the Schwarzenegger administration Thursday to temporarily shut down the massive pumps of the State Water Project...

### **Feds reduce pumping water to help endangered delta smelt**

June 1, 2007 – Mercury News

By Julian Barbassa

FRESNO, Calif.- Federal officials said Friday they had cut back the amount of water pumped to farmers and Southern California cities to the lowest level ever in an attempt to help save the endangered delta smelt.

### **State cuts off pumps: unprecedented move to save smelt**

June 1, 2007 – Contra Costa Times

By Mike Taugher

The California Department of Water Resources on Thursday turned off the massive Delta pumps that deliver water to 25 million people to protect a tiny fish that is plunging toward extinction.

### **'Water for Life' poster winner announced**

June 1, 2007 – The Valley News

The Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) presented Evans Ranch Elementary School third-grader MacKenzie Russell a bag full of awards at the recent Menifee Union School District Governing Board meeting. The awards included Russell's artwork transfe...

### **Editorial: Delta's silent pumps signal the need for change. Much is wrong in this essential resource, and the tiny Delta smelt are not to blame**

June 3, 2007 - Sacramento Bee

### **Assembly OKs bill on water-agency seats**

June 5, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Jim Miller

A bill designed to prevent Riverside County water agencies from getting another seat on the board of Southern California's main water supplier cleared the state Assembly on Monday.