

## Newspaper Clippings from September 20, 2007 – September 24, 2007

### **Inland consensus elusive on water supply fix**

September 20, 2007 – The Press Enterprise  
By Jim Miller

Richard Atwater, general manager of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, thinks there are more effective ways to increase the state's supply of drinking water than building two proposed Central Valley reservoirs...

### **RMWD's secret sewage spill**

September 20, 2007 – The Village News

Since the Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) special meeting on September 10, I have scanned the news for the sewage spill of September 5. As of September 14, nothing has appeared in the press. "What sewage spill?" The blocked sewer line spilled 540,000 gallons of raw sewage into the wetlands east of the "bridge to nowhere" off I-15 in Fallbrook....

### **Temecula-area farmers brace for water cuts**

September 21, 2007 – The Press Enterprise  
By Jeff Horseman

Farmers who get water from the Rancho California Water District may have to scale back their irrigation plans as the district deals with an expected cut from one of its top suppliers....

### **Fallbrook declares water shortage**

September 21, 2007 – The Californian  
By Gig Conaughton

Fallbrook became the first local water agency to officially ask customers to conserve water Thursday, partly in the hope of raising a wider debate about whether water agencies should be allowed to add new customers for the foreseeable future....

### **Water sense?**

September 22, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

The Legislature's special session on water issues needs to sidestep longstanding policy disputes and focus on the immediate need to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the state's primary water supply. Even so, the session will not provide a long-term strategy for managing the delta, a need that demands legislative priority next year....

### **Supervisors ready to oppose Delta canal**

September 22, 2007 – Recordnet.com  
By Zachary K. Johnson

Local officials have been gearing up to oppose a controversial plan to build a canal around the Delta that they fear will destroy the estuary's ecosystem and taint local water supplies....

### **Water agency warns supply in jeopardy; officials say Hi-Desert OK for now**

September 22, 2007 – Hi-Desert Star  
By Jimmy Bigger

California's State Water Project is mired in a crisis that threatens water deliveries throughout the state, including the Hi-Desert, the Mojave Water Agency warned this week as the Association of California Water Agencies launched a media campaign including TV ads and news releases throughout the state....

### **Cultivate Greener Homes**

[Boost construction of housing that is environmentally friendly, reasonably priced](#)

September 23, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Lou Ochoa

California is rapidly leaving behind its "Golden State" image and quickly going green. While "green" usually describes money, envy or even a political party, the word is now associated with the environment and the heightened awareness that is transforming the way we live our lives...

### **Green homes**

[Expect more conservation-sensitive dwellings to become a way of life](#)

September 23, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Michael G Hodgson

In 2003, the National Association of Home Builders published a report, "Building Greener, Building Better: The Quiet Revolution," describing the trend by home builders to build "green" homes. These are homes that are constructed to maximize the use of energy-efficient systems, building practices and materials....

### **Growth gulps water**

September 24, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Chelsea Williams

State and regional discussions on crafting solutions to our burgeoning water crisis both centered on conservation and new wells, dams and canals ("Consensus elusive on fixing water woes" and "Experts discuss water crisis," Sept. 21)....

### **Unlike its neighbor, L.A. goes with the flow**

[As Long Beach enacts restrictions on water use in advance of a potential crisis, the DWP takes a wait-and-see approach.](#)

September 24, 2007 – LA Times

By Steve Hymon

Long Beach has a population of almost half a million, making it the second largest city in the county of Los Angeles and the fifth most populous in the state. As you may have read, water officials there recently looked at the prospect of tightening water supplies and decided the outlook was bleak enough to impose restrictions.

### **Canal plan is floated for Delta woes**

September 24, 2007 – sacbee.com

By Matt Weiser

Most people have heard of the peripheral canal. Now it's time to meet the canal's new stepchild. Amid a drought year and declining fish populations, California water officials are again sketching lines across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, hoping to move fresh water to people and farms without wiping out endangered species....

### **Rush put on water debate**

[Governor wants voters to borrow billions to help increase supply](#)

September 24, 2007 – recordnet.com

By Hank Shaw

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and lawmakers in Sacramento are positioning themselves for an autumn debate over whether taxpayers should borrow as much as \$9 billion to increase California's water supply....

### **Water tasting seeks truth on bottle vs. tap**

September 24, 2007 – sacbee.com

Chuck O'Neil slowly sipped the water from a little paper cup, licked his lips and then scratched his chin. He tried again. But still, he said, his 66-year-old taste buds would not answer the question. "I have no idea. They all taste the same," O'Neil said after tasting his fourth cup of what may have been bottled or tap water.

### **CSULB to be a 'force in water conservation'**

September 24, 2007 – Daily 49er

By Andrew Smith

The worsening drought in Southern California has led the Long Beach Water Department to urge CSULB students to conserve water amid the city's dwindling supplies. The plea to students to preserve the precious resource follows the board's declaration of an imminent water supply shortage in Long Beach, and the introduction of strict new water restrictions late last week....