

Newspaper Clippings from September 24, 2007 – September 27, 2007

Water rules spur flood of comment

[Callers, e-mails question details; hotline violation reports begin to flow.](#)

September 24, 2007 – presstelegram.com

California may be in a drought, but the Long Beach Water Department has been experiencing a deluge. In the 1&1/2 weeks since the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners approved new water-use rules that went into effect Friday, the Water Department has been inundated with e-mails and phone calls, spokesman Ryan Alsop said Monday....

Securing Southern California's water future

September 24, 2007 – The Californian

By Lester Snow

Last week, Gov. Schwarzenegger introduced a \$9 billion water bond package to help address California's water crisis and ensure clean, safe water for generations to come. With our rapidly growing population, drought conditions in many parts of the state, a changing climate and an aging water system, now is the time for leadership and bold action....

The Orange Grove: Fluoride nothing to smile about

September 25, 2007 – OC Register

By Robert Schechter

On Sept. 21, a front-page article in the Register reported on the imminent fluoridation of much of Orange County's water supply. The headline read "For Orange County water customers, a reason to ... smile."...

WRDA bill authorizes over \$1.3 billion in federal funding for California projects

September 25, 2007 – Yubanet.com

Today, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, lauded Senate passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Conference Report and urged President Bush to reconsider his veto threat....

Editorial: Santa Clara Valley Water District joins wave, promotes use of tap water over bottled

September 25, 2007 – San Jose Mercury News

It has become a fixture of everyday life - at business meetings, in school lunchboxes, on soccer fields. Bottled water is everywhere. But it's time to re-evaluate the bottled water boom....

Desalination group to host town hall

[Councilwoman Debbie Cook and Surfrider manager to speak at Oct. 2 meeting](#)

September 25, 2007 – ocregister.com

By Annie Burris

HUNTINGTON BEACH The Residents for Responsible Desalination (R4RD) will hold its second town hall 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at the cafeteria of Eader Elementary School, 9291 Banning St. Refreshments will be provided. The town hall meeting is designed to inform the community about the proposed Poseidon Desalination Project permit process. Joe Geever, manager of the Surfrider Foundation, and City Councilwoman Debbie Cook will speak at the event....

What's being done to combat water shortage woes in south county

Santa Margarita Water District encourages conservation, plans to build new reservoir.

September 25, 2007 – ocregister.com

By Charley Wilson

This year is shaping up to be California's driest in recorded history. But the state's water troubles have been brewing for some time. We're now well into our eighth year of drought, despite short respites of heavy precipitation a few years ago – a situation with far-reaching ramifications.

TRAFFIC DETOURS STARTING FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON ALESSANDRO BOULEVARD

September 25, 2007 – MWD Press Release

Obituary - Roland Wayne Brown

September 26, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

Summit will address 2008 agri-water cuts

September 26, 2007 – Signonsandiego.com

Farmers, ranchers and nursery operators are invited to meet tomorrow in Escondido to discuss water supply cuts of 30 percent scheduled to begin Jan. 1. The agricultural water reductions, industry leaders say, will likely mean less farm production....

District faces fine in spilling of sewage

September 26, 2007 – signonsandiego.com

By J. Harry Jones

The Rainbow Municipal Water District faces the possibility of more than \$5 million in fines because of a spill early this month of 540,000 gallons of raw sewage onto property northeast of Interstate 15 and state Route 76....

Do we turn to toilets for fresh water?

September 26, 2007 – The Daily Independent

By Laura Dobbins

Will it be Perrier or toilet water? Nationwide, cities are seeking alternative water sources to replenish depleting supplies. One idea: Convert sewage back into water that's pure enough to drink....

EPA Strengthens Lead in Drinking Water Rule

September 26, 2007 – EPA Newsroom

EPA is helping to reduce lead in drinking water by issuing a final rule that will improve requirements in the areas of monitoring, customer awareness and lead service line replacement. Specifically, the agency will require water suppliers to provide consumers with information to help them make decisions about how to limit their exposure to lead in drinking water....

Construction set on water pipeline

September 26, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

Construction of a major water line along Alessandro Boulevard in the Mission Grove area of Riverside will result in intermittent detours and traffic controls, according to a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California news release....

Inland lawns are chief drain on water supply

September 26, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Jennifer Bowles

Jennifer Francis was stunned to get a letter from her homeowners association warning she'd be fined \$50 if she didn't water a patch of browning grass by her driveway. "We've had no rain. How ridiculous is it that they want us to waste water," said the nurse who lives in the Jurupa area west of Riverside. Recent rains did little to abate the dry conditions, dousing Riverside with just 0.19 inches....

Water district pushes water conservation

[Water district holds classes on how to save water and lower bills.](#)

September 26, 2007 – OC Register

By Eugene W. Fields

Paul Foley, of Trabuco Canyon, saw his water bill rise and decided to do something about it. Foley and his wife attended a Home Gardeners Water Conservation Workshop hosted by the Santa Margarita Water District on Sept. 22 to get tips on how they could cut back on water waste....

Governor's delta plan reignites Peripheral Canal debate

September 27, 2007 – The San Francisco Chronicle

By Tom Chomeau

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's sweeping plan for fixing California's long-term water problems would hold nearly \$2 billion in badly needed restoration money hostage until there's agreement on a new system for moving water through - or around - the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta....

A necessary \$9 billion water system investment

September 27, 2007 – The Modesto Bee

By Dave Cogdill

As a businessman, former local government official and especially as a native Californian, I have come to understand the importance of water. Without water, much of our state would be an uninhabitable desert; with water, California is dynamic, diverse and prosperous. The precarious nature of our water system today makes it imperative that we do something to ensure our livelihoods....

Quail Valley sewer system study grant likely

September 27, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Sean Nealon

Eastern Municipal Water District has learned it will likely get a \$2 million state grant to fund design and environmental studies for a \$70 million sewer system in Quail Valley....

Source of water would be clear under new law

[A bill on the governor's desk spells out what bottlers must disclose about their H2O.](#)

September 27, 2007 – LA Times

By Marc Lifsher

Is the bottled water you drink any better than what comes out of the tap? Is it from the tap? Most companies that sell H2O hate the idea, but the California Legislature wants to make it easier for people to find out what minerals, chemicals or bacteria are in the water they buy and whether its provenance is a well, artesian aquifer, spring -- mountain or otherwise -- or municipal reservoir....

It's dry all over

Homeowners skip the lawn, going for drought-tolerant plants.

September 27, 2007 – LA Times

By Bettijane Levine

At first glance, the two homes have nothing in common. One's an urban update of a rustic log cabin. The other, a 1920s Mediterranean casa. What links them is their imaginative drought-resistant gardens -- drastic departures from the lush carpets of grass that used to surround each one and that still front almost all the other houses in their neighborhoods....