

Newspaper Clippings from September 6, 2007 – September 21, 2007

Contingency plans drawn up for possible SoCal water rationing

September 6, 2007 – Mercurynews.com

Contingency plans currently being drawn up could force Southern California water officials to order rationing next year. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, serving 18 million people in six counties, warned Wednesday that mandatory rationing could become necessary for the first time since 1991....

Water customers may be asked to cut back

September 7, 2007 – The Valley Chronicle

By Charles Hand

San Jacinto Valley customers of Eastern Municipal Water District may be asked to reduce their water use after U.S. District Court judge ordered a change in the way water is pumped from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta....

Vallecitos district signs on for desalinated ocean water

September 8, 2007 – signonsandiego.com

The Vallecitos Water District has become the sixth agency in the county to sign up to buy desalinated ocean water from a plant proposed by a private developer....

New water directors pledge change

September 8, 2007 – The Californian

By Chris Bagley

Property owners in one of Southern California's smallest water districts have voted in a new majority of governing board members who campaigned on pledges to attack problems ranging from low water pressure to days-long outages....

All of state will feel delta crisis

Fix the problem, or 23 million could go thirsty

September 9, 2007 – The Modesto Bee

...Water rationing, not just metering, is likely for Silicon Valley, Riverside and elsewhere, warn city officials...

District considers steps to cut outdoor water use

September 10, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Horseman

With a long-term drought and a recent court decision shrinking the Inland water supply, one water district might ask large-scale users to change the way they care for their landscaping....

Is conserved water fueling overgrowth?

September 10, 2007 – The Californian

By Glen Carroll

Water authorities tell us to conserve due to shortages while they continue making commitments to serve new development. Some agricultural users face 30 percent cutbacks in January, yet growth marches on....

Resurrecting the Delta

September 11, 2007 – San Francisco Chronicle

"DISASTER." "Catastrophe." "Crisis." "Emergency." We're hearing those words again from state and local water agencies: It must be another court order to shut down the pumping that has helped to make such a mess out of the Sacramento Delta....

Infrastructure, Natural Resources Concerns Highlight Chamber Summit

September 11, 2007 – primenewswire.com

...The speakers panel includes 66th District State Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries; Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs for Cal Trans Richard Harmon; Randy Record, president of the Eastern Municipal Water District board of directors; David Crane, special advisor to Governor Schwarzenegger; and Amy Minniear, director of Pechanga Development Corp....

Water panel adopts guidelines for delta fixes

September 11, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

A committee of regional water leaders Monday said the state needs to build some sort of canal to separate endangered fish and environmental concerns from Southern California's now-threatened water supplies....

RETIRED METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEE RETURNS AS MEMBER OF DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 11, 2007 – MWD Press Release

Less than four months since retiring after serving more than two decades as a Metropolitan Water District employee, Sylvia Ballin has returned as a member of the agency's Board of Directors....

Water district seeks to slow quagga mollusk

September 11, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

The region's largest urban water supplier will spend \$5.9 million to build chlorination facilities at key reservoirs, including Diamond Valley Lake near Hemet, in an effort to stem the invasion of a tiny but destructive mollusk in the water supply of 18 million Southern Californians....

District would buy desalinated water

September 12, 2007 – signonsandiego.com

The Santa Fe Irrigation District has agreed to buy 2,000 acre-feet of water from an ocean-water desalination plant proposed in Carlsbad....

Coping with drought

[As Southern California gets drier, we're all going to have to swallow tougher water measures.](#)

September 13, 2007 – LA Times

In the late summer of a bone-dry 2007, 2008 is already looking like another bad year for water supplies in Southern California. It's past time for Los Angeles to start paying attention....

Perata Introduces Water Bond for Special Session

September 13, 2007 – California Chronicle

Senate President pro Tem Don Perata (D-Oakland) introduced a \$5.4 billion water bond today in the newly opened special legislative session on water.

District, Temecula to talk before decision on water-use policy

September 13, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Horseman

Major water users will have at least another month before they might have to use recycled or untreated water for landscaping....

[Water district considers recycled water requirement](#)

September 13, 2007 – The Californian

By Nicole Sack

The Rancho California Water District has proposed a way to free up more water for drinking, cooking and washing by requiring recycled water to be used on large landscaped areas such as city parks and school properties....

[Long Beach Restricts Water - Other Cities thinking about it as well?](#)

September 14, 2007

Declaring a water emergency, the city of Long Beach will impose strict regulations on water consumption due to lack of rainfall, dry weather, and the possibility of limited water supplies from Northern California....

[Tainted Delta water may pose danger](#)

[Toxic algae levels high enough to kill pets, sicken users](#)

September 14, 2007 – Recordnet.com

By Alex Breitler

THE DELTA - An especially nasty outbreak of toxic algae has some water lovers staying on land for the rest of the summer - and questioning why they were not notified of the potential health risk earlier....

[Smelt is the big fish in California water politics](#)

[The diminutive species' dwindling numbers have been a bone of contention between activists and water managers. Tougher protections could cut exports to Southern California.](#)

September 14, 2007 – LA Times

By Eric Bailey

It's not much longer than your pinkie, an aquatic weakling that skulks in a single brackish backwater of the West. Yet the diminutive fish is a big player in California water politics....

[Long Beach puts limits on water use](#)

[Declaring an emergency, the city limits water use on lawns and pavement and at restaurant tables.](#)

September 14, 2007 – LA Times

By Hector Becerra & Ari B. Bloomekatz

Southern California's water woes -- caused by record dry weather combined with a court ruling likely to limit water deliveries from Northern California -- hit home Thursday as Long Beach imposed the region's most severe water restrictions in years....

[West Nile virus claims 3 lives in Riverside County since mid-August](#)

September 14, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Paige Austin

West Nile virus has killed three Riverside County residents in the past month, health officials announced Friday....

[Soaking up lessons of last drought](#)

[Moises Saucedo of the DWP takes meter and water readings throughout Los Angeles. It's been dry, and one city is mandating conservation, but water officials have spent years building reserves.](#)

September 15, 2007 – LA Times

By Hector Becerra

Watering the lawn under the moonlight. The specter of "water police." If the current water shortage is beginning to sound a lot like the great drought of 1990-91, grab a glass of water and chill....

State's West Nile virus death toll hits 13 this year

The latest victims of the virus died in Riverside County. They also had other medical problems.

September 15, 2007 – LA Timer

By Jonathan Abrams

Riverside County health officials reported Friday that three deaths since mid-August were related to the West Nile virus. The deaths bring the total number of California fatalities attributed to the virus to 13 this year....

Water districts to dilute fluoride

September 16, 2007 – The Californian

By Chris Bagley

Most water agencies in Southwest County plan to go along with regional plans to fluoridate water starting in October, but only passively....

Fluoridation is coming to San Diego County

September 16, 2007 – San Diego Metro News

By Anne Krueger

Like it or not, thousands of county residents will soon be drinking fluoridated water....

Planting the seeds of conservation

[As Long Beach cracks down on water usage, residents seek to learn to garden with less.](#)

September 16, 2007 – LA Times

Ellen Keys knows about drought. She grew up during the Great Depression in Sallisaw, Okla., depicted in the early pages of "The Grapes of Wrath," John Steinbeck's epic saga of drought and poverty...

Water softener ban may be going before voters

[Farmers claim chlorides damage strawberry crops](#)

September 16, 2007 – LA Daily News

By Patricia Farrell Aidem

Water softeners working away in Santa Clarita garages are threatening strawberry fields some 40 miles away, where the crops draw well water from a riverbed running from the suburbs through the farmland. And it could be up to local voters to decide what to do....

Water agency lack of board members forces meeting cancellation

September 16, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

The agency that polices water pollution in San Diego and Riverside counties is so short of board members that it was forced to cancel its September meeting -- the second time it has nixed a meeting in less than a year....

Thirsty state could lose key supply of water

[Ruling may complicate north-south transfers](#)

September 17, 2007 – signonsandiego.com

By Michael Gardner

For years, environmentalists have promoted water transfers as a cost-effective, fish-friendly alternative to new dams. But a federal judge's decision to protect a tiny, endangered fish in the Sacramento Delta could jeopardize north-to-south water sales when transfers may be crucial....

A trickle of water might save estuary

Conservationists believe a small but immediate step could renew the Colorado River Delta.

September 17, 2007 – LA Times

By Frank Clifford

The Colorado River Delta was once a watery labyrinth of willow thickets, mesquite and cottonwood, bigger than the state of Rhode Island and teeming with bird and animal life. Today it is a barren expanse of salt-stained mudflats where the river used to meet the sea south of Yuma....

All about water

California legislators are looking for solutions to supply problems after drought, Delta court ruling

September 18, 2007 – sacbee.com

By Matt Weiser

Their regular session concluded for the year, state lawmakers continue to discuss water and health issues in a pair of special sessions. Here's a primer on the water debate....

Water crisis subject of television ads

September 18, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Saying the public seems unaware that California is teetering on the edge of a water crisis, a water-lobbying group started a rare television-advertising blitz Monday talking "massive water shortages" statewide....

Jeffries named to water panel

September 18, 2007 – The Californian

Local Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, R-Lake Elsinore, has been appointed by his colleagues to serve on the newly created Assembly Republican Working Group on Water Storage...

Governor proposes \$9 billion bond plan, dams centerpiece

September 18, 2007 – The Californian

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday proposed a \$9 billion water bond measure that would earmark more than half the money for dams opposed by most of the Democrats who dominate the Legislature....

Controlled burn planned for Thursday

September 18, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

... Weather conditions permitting, the smoke will result from a controlled burn of dried brush and other vegetation at Eastern Municipal Water District's multi-purpose constructed wetlands adjacent to the water district's San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility at 770 N. Sanderson Ave....

Schwarzenegger urges \$9 billion in water bonds

Governor seeks funds for dam projects in the Bay Area and the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. Democratic leaders back recycling and conservation.

September 19, 2007 – LA Times

By Nancy Vogel

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled a \$9-billion bond package Tuesday that would pay for three new or expanded dams and amount to an unprecedented level of taxpayer financing for water projects....

Huell Howser to moderate discussion on water issues

September 20, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

As a storm brings rain to the region, a Town Hall discussion on water is scheduled to take place today. As part of the public television series "California's Water," Huell Howser is scheduled to moderate a discussion about water issues including regional challenges, effects of the drought and local planning....

SoCal water provider slow to praise governor's plan

September 21, 2007 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Southern California's main water supplier said Thursday that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's \$9 billion plan to fix California's threatened water supplies says nothing specific about the state's biggest problem ---- how to deliver water through the ecologically fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta....

Murrieta water to be treated with chloramines

September 21, 2007 – The Press Enterprise

By Rocky Salmon

Water supplied to Murrieta by Western Municipal Water District will be treated with chloramines after a well in the area tested with elevated levels of arsenic....