

Newspaper Clippings from April 5, 2008 – April 9, 2008

No water, no development

The days of supplies for almost every project must end. California must build smart
April 7, 2008 – The LA Times

During the 20th century in Southern California, city founders made a religion out of building bounteous -- and sometimes boundless -- suburbs in the most unlikely locations. They assumed that the water their new communities needed to thrive would somehow flow to them....

Teen invents 'goo' to thwart quagga mussels

April 8, 2008 – VenturaCountyStar.com
By Zeke Barlow

...Millions of dollars have been spent fighting quagga mussels in the Midwest and millions more have been allocated to fight the invasive mussel since it was first detected last year in the West. But this researcher is hoping her mix — she calls it "goo" — which costs under \$5 a gallon to make could solve much of the problem....

Dredging around the Delta

Is the proposed peripheral canal around the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta a water giveaway to wealthy Southern Californians, a necessary step to stabilizing the environment around the Delta or something else? Mindy McIntyre and Lester Snow debate

April 8, 2008 – The LA Times
By Mindy McIntyre

Many people look to a [peripheral canal](#) as the key to solving California's water woes. While plumbing may be a piece of the equation, a more important fix must come in the form of new policies that will prevent a repeat of the same old mistakes....

Reservoir deal seen for water authority

April 8, 2008 – signonsandiego.com
By Michael Gardner

Illustrating the growing anxiety over water across the West, the Metropolitan Water District today is expected to enter into a novel tri-state agreement to build a small reservoir in the Imperial Valley that could stretch supplies for Phoenix, Las Vegas and San Diego....

Metropolitan Water District board votes to help finance reservoir

April 9, 2008 – The Press Enterprise
By Jennifer Bowles

Board members of Southern California's largest urban water supplier on Tuesday approved spending \$28.7 million to help finance a federal reservoir near the Mexican border that will collect water from the Colorado River, which flows into Mexico above that country's entitlement....

DWP rate hike debate ignores the surcharge effect

Recent discussions focused on small increases that would add almost 9%. Surcharges that will amount to at least 15% more have been glossed over

April 9, 2008 – The LA Times
By David Zahniser

When the Los Angeles City Council gave preliminary approval to electrical and water rate hikes last week, the debate focused almost exclusively on a series of modest, single-digit increases planned between now and summer 2009...

As state's growth leader, the Inland Empire reigns on, a new study says

April 9, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Duane W. Gang

The Inland region will remain one of California's fastest-growing places, leading the state in population gains over the next decade, a study released today concludes. Thanks to more-affordable housing and healthy job creation, the two-county area will grow by nearly 1 million people by 2015, the result of people continuing to leave coastal Southern California counties....

Region's new jobs, especially office services, to outpace state

April 9, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Josh Brown

While many economists are bemoaning the stagnant state of the Inland region's job market, a report released today paints a brighter picture for the future: In the next seven years, the area will continue to outpace the rest of the state in job growth....

Benoit Bill Targeting Metal Thieves Passes Committee

April 9, 2008 – California Chronicle

Assemblyman John J. Benoit (R-Bermuda Dunes) today announced the Assembly Public Safety Committee's unanimous approval of Assembly Bill 2724, his measure to crack down on the metal thieves who continue to ravish public and private property in our communities and throughout the State of California....

Moves to conserve water are lauded

April 9, 2008 – Press-Telegram

By Paul Eakins

All of Long Beach's water conservation efforts in recent months appear to be paying off, and not just in the city's decreasing water usage. Long Beach on Tuesday was named the winner of the 2008 Green California Leadership Award for Water Management at the Green California Summit being held this week in Sacramento....