

Newspaper Clippings from June 18 - 27, 2008

Cantu to speak to DWP board

June 18, 2008 – Big Bear Grizzly

Celeste Cantu, general manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority will give a presentation at the July 22 Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power board meeting....

Water Emergency Will Get Worse

June 19, 2008 – www.gazettes.com

By Harry Saltzgaver

Long Beach residents are using less water than ever before — and the reward will be a request to use even less. Last week, the Long Beach Water Department announced that the city had hit a new 10-year low for water use in May, dropping 8% below the 10-year average. If the conservation efforts stay on track, the city will mark its lowest use for an entire year this year, dropping 6% below the 10-year average....

Housing tract turned down again

June 20, 2008 – The Valley Chronicle

By Charles Hand

A second attempt to win San Jacinto City Council approval for a 475-acre development along the west side of Sanderson Avenue near the Eastern Municipal Water District sewage treatment plant was turned down, despite the presentation of an environmental report that said most of the issues arising from the project could be mitigated....

Statement by Timothy F. Brick, Chairman, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, on Delta Vision Draft Strategic Plan

June 20, 2008 – The Business Wire

"Delta Vision's emerging strategy is the kind of innovative and dramatic blueprint that can lay the groundwork for historic change....

REGION: Paying more for less

Drought-induced conservation could trigger higher water rates

June 21, 2008 – The Californian

By Dave Downey

If a whole lot of people do their civic duty and slash their water consumption this summer, they soon could find themselves paying more for using less. "That's the dichotomy of this thing," said Bill Rucker, general manager of the Vallecitos Water District, which provides water to more than 20,000 homes and businesses in San Marcos, Vista and Escondido....

Water, Power Supplies in Good Shape despite Heat

June 22, 2008 – Fox News

As Southern California broiled under record-breaking heat, the amount of water and electricity available is not going to be a problem, officials said today....

L.A. may flush old fears of toilet to tap

June 22, 2008 – Daily News

By Kerry Cavanaugh

Eight years after Los Angeles leaders killed a multimillion-dollar water-recycling project amid vitriolic debate over politics and safety, the dubiously dubbed "toilet to tap" plan is back....

MESA TAKES UNCONVENTIONAL APPROACH TO PROMOTE "SAFE FROM THE TAP" WITH NEW WATER VENDING MACHINE

June 24, 2008

Mesa Consolidated Water District's (Mesa) Board of Directors has taken a unique and innovative approach to educating the community about the safety of its tap water. Mesa has installed a water vending machine at its District office and will host a "Safe from the Tap" launch event on June 25, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Water will be provided at no cost, and the first 50 customers to arrive will receive a complimentary 3 gallon emergency water supply container. The event will also include some fun surprises for children and a water quality demonstration....

West Nile detection has state officials concerned, but not alarmed

June 24, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Cindy Martinez Rhodes

California health officials are concerned with the large number of dead birds due to West Nile virus found in the state so far this year but caution that it is too early in the season for alarm....

Invasive mussels create contention at Vail Lake

June 25, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Horseman

A water district and the owner of Vail Lake Village & RV Resort are in a dispute over efforts to prevent a destructive breed of mussel from contaminating the lake. The Rancho California Water District is seeking an injunction to allow its staff to inspect boats at the lake for signs of quagga mussels, an imported menace that is starting to afflict bodies of water in Southern California....

Elsinore Valley water district works to fix arsenic problem

June 26, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Aaron Burgin

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District has avoided violating federal arsenic standards by shutting down two of its 12 drinking-water wells, according to a report. The district is working to comply with the standards, but disagrees with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's arsenic levels for drinking water, which were lowered earlier this decade....

Grand Jury blasts Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

June 26, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Erin Waldner

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has misused public funds, violated the Brown Act and allowed for nepotism within the organization, according to a new report from the 2007-08 Riverside County Grand Jury. With this report and a separate one earlier this week that was critical of San Jacinto Academy charter school, "the Grand Jury shows its incompetence," district General Manager Chuck Butcher said. The report on the water district "made many, many erroneous statements," he said....

Hemet to consider new tax on utilities

June 26, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By

HEMET - Voters could be asked as soon as November to approve a revenue-generating measure, likely a tax on utilities, to help solve a \$5 million budget deficit projected next year. The City Council approved this week spending up to \$50,000 to conduct a survey seeking feedback from residents about Hemet's budget and what must be done about it....

Audie Murphy developers abandon work on Newport

June 27, 2008 – The Friday Flyer

At a public meeting held Tuesday night in the City Multi-purpose Room, Riverside County Transportation Director Juan Perez confirmed for a group of approximately 40 residents something they already knew: the developers of Audie Murphy Ranch have pulled out of the project due to financial reasons and will not complete the remainder of the road improvements required by the county, leaving realigned Newport Rd. approximately 80 percent complete and unable to be opened in its current state....