

## Newspaper Clippings from June 9 - 17, 2008

### **It's time for state to get serious about drought**

June 9, 2008 – sacbee.com

By Dan Walters

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's declaration that California faces drought is another reminder – as if we need one – that politics isn't just a gotcha game, but a process with consequences, either good or ill. Make no mistake. Like California's chronic budget crisis, the state's looming water crisis is the product of head-in-the-sand decisions by voters and those they elect to office, not some natural calamity beyond our control....

### **'Serious situation' regarding Southern CA water**

June 12, 2008 – Watertechnonline.com

LOS ANGELES — In the wake of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent drought proclamation, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) Board of Directors June 10 declared a "water supply alert" throughout its six-county service area, according to a June 10 MWD news release. The water conservation call is an effort to help preserve the region's water storage reserves, the MWD said....

### **Drought conditions trigger water saving tips**

June 13, 2008 – crescentvalleyonline.com

Following the Governor's declaration that California is in a drought, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) declared a "water supply alert" in Southern California. The goal is to increase public awareness on water conservation to delay or avoid the need for mandatory water allocations and water rationing in the future. Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) customer water supply is from a blend of local groundwater and purchased water from MWD via Foothill Municipal Water District. At times, the district could be purchasing up to 60% of its water supply from MWD. All SoCal communities need to conserve water to avoid mandatory rationing....

### **Rancho California Water District raising rates**

June 13, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Horseman

The average homeowner served by the Rancho California Water District will see a slightly higher bill in the coming months as the district grapples with rising costs for imported water. The district's Board of Directors passed a \$60.9 million operating budget Thursday that includes higher rates, especially for major water users....

### **Push is on to save water**

June 13, 2008 – The San Bernardino Sun

By Lauren McSherry

In the wake of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's drought emergency declaration, water agencies and city leaders from Chino to Fontana banded together Thursday to call for increased water conservation. Their message? Save now before it's too late....

### **California in drought, governor declares**

June 13, 2008 – The Friday Flyer

It's possible some residents measure drought conditions by the Lake level. "I can use my dock and the bottom of my seawall isn't showing; therefore, there's nothing to worry about," could be the reasoning and, fortunately for Canyon Lakers, runoff from a recent rainstorm raised the Lake level, temporarily postponing the inevitable summer drop due to EVMWD drawing off the reservoir's water. Nevertheless, at this point the Lake level here has little or nothing to do with the California's statewide drought, which Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared official last week....

### **Southern California Metropolitan Water District Begins Poisoning Millions with Toxic Synthetic Fluoride Chemicals**

June 15, 2008 – [Naturalnews.com](http://Naturalnews.com)

Fluoride is now being added to the water systems of Los Angeles and San Diego, in spite of the substance's classification as a toxin by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Fluoride refers to any compound made with the element fluorine, one of the most reactive elements known. Because fluorine reacts easily with other chemicals, it is widely used in industrial applications such as metal manufacture, glass, ceramics, Teflon, pesticide, rat poison and the manufacturing of nuclear weapons....

### **Stone & Youngberg's Nationally Ranked Public Finance Group Brings on Three New Bankers**

June 16, 2008 – [www.businesswire.com](http://www.businesswire.com)

Stone & Youngberg, a leading financial services firm and the nation's top underwriter of California municipal bonds<sup>1</sup>, announced that three new bankers will join its Public Finance Group today: Tom Innis has been hired as a managing director; Jake Campos comes on board as an assistant vice president; and Matt Tracey joins the group as an analyst. All three bankers were previously employed by UBS in the firm's institutional municipal finance group....

### **Tiny, Clingy and Destructive, Mussel Makes Its Way West**

June 17, 2008 – The New York Time

By John Collins Rudolf

LAKE MEAD, Nev. — Kneeling at the edge of the dock, Wen Baldwin began hauling on a length of nylon rope that disappeared into the depths of Lake Mead. One after another, an odd assemblage of objects — a water bottle, a chunk of concrete, a pair of flip-flops, a steel anchor — emerged from the emerald-green waters. A living blanket of tiny, striped mussels covered each one....