

Newspaper Clippings from January 18, 2008 – January 20, 2007

State and Ramona: Expect tie-ups

SEWER WORK: EMWD spokesman says construction won't be finished until March

January 18, 2008 – The Valley Chronicle

By Charles Hand

It will be a while yet before traffic is flowing unfettered again at State Street and Ramona Expressway. Eastern Municipal Water District spokesman Peter Odencrans said construction on the sewer line there will probably not be finished until March. Until then, the lane closures, rough pavement, and congestion will continue....

Maintain Drought Vigilance

Recent rain doesn't wash away California's enduring water challenges

January 19, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Kightlinger

In the rhythm of Southern California life, there is that tendency to assume that worries about water can go away as soon as it begins to rain. The recent rains have left Southern California roughly on track for an "average" rain year, although the season is far from over. But an average rain year no longer is enough to meet the region's water challenges. For many of us, it's time to recalibrate our gut sense about weather and water supplies....

Drought plan opens rifts over fairness

Foes say the Metropolitan Water District proposal slights small, older cities with less clout. Backers say it spreads the pain

January 20, 2008 – The LA Times

By Deborah Schock

With a key vote just weeks away, cities and water agencies across the region are scrambling to figure out the ramifications of a first-ever shortage allocation plan that would govern water deliveries to communities stretching from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Inland Empire and south to the Mexican border. Deep rifts are developing among some of the 26 member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District over allotments under the plan, which will kick in if current water shortages necessitate rationing, possibly as early as spring....