

## Newspaper Clippings from January 24, 2008 – January 30, 2007

### **County backing Romoland's Big League Dreams**

January 24, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Julissa McKinnon

The county is banking on the truth of a popular saying: "If you build it, they will come." Within the next two years, the county plans to spend \$25 million to \$27 million to build a state-of-the-art athletic facility on 57 acres off Trumble Road in Romoland, according to Supervisor Marion Ashley....

### **Fitch Rates Eastern Muni Water District (CA) \$56.855MM 2008A Water & Sewer Rev COPs 'AA/F1+'**

January 25, 2008 – The Business Wire

Fitch Ratings has assigned a rating of 'AA/F1+' to the \$56,855,000 Eastern Municipal Water District, California's water and sewer revenue variable rate certificates of participation (COP) series 2008A. The long-term 'AA' rating on the bonds is based on Eastern Municipal Water District's (the district) long-term credit quality, while the 'F1+' short-term rating is based on liquidity support provided by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. In addition, Fitch has affirmed the 'AA' long-term rating on the district's \$432.1 million of outstanding parity COPs (net of refunding). The 2008 COPs are scheduled to sell via negotiation on Jan. 30, 2008. The Rating Outlook is Stable....

### **Rates rise for Riverside, Murrieta customers of Western Municipal Water District**

January 25, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Doug Haberman

Western Municipal Water District customers should start to notice higher water bills soon, unless they've turned off their sprinklers during the rains. The district board recently raised rates, citing rising costs and a desire to accumulate money to build water transport and storage facilities to boost reliability and long-term supplies of water....

### **Water shortage: Some farmers in California would rather sell their water than grow something**

January 25, 2008 – The Californian

By Garance Burke

With water becoming increasingly precious in California, a rising number of farmers figure they can make more money by selling their water than by actually growing something. Because farmers get their water at subsidized rates, some of them see financial opportunity this year in selling their allotments to Los Angeles and other desperately thirsty cities across Southern California, as well as to other farms....

### **Fireplace requirement too much for some Riverside County homebuilders**

January 26, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Douglas Quan

Visit a new home in northwest Riverside County, and you most likely will find a fireplace. Not necessarily because the builder called for it, but because the county said so. Many local governments in recent years have adopted design guidelines for new residential communities that prescribe everything from whether streets should be curved or straight to whether rooflines should be hipped or gabled....

### **Limited water supplies could mean development projects are put on hold**

January 27, 2008 – mydesert.com

By Keith Matheny

Just outside the Coachella Valley, a growing water crisis is causing other water agencies to face even more sobering realities. Several major projects in western Riverside County, including a 1.7million-square-foot warehouse for Skechers USA, were recently put on hold when officials with the Perris-based Eastern Municipal Water District informed developers they could not certify an adequate water supply for the projects....

### **Water omen**

January 28, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

Western Riverside County's water woes illustrate two crucial points: The Legislature needs to act promptly to safeguard the state's primary water supply, and careful water use will be a crucial part of future development....

### **Drip-dry irrigation**

January 28, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

Whither Rancho Belago? Better make that *with* Rancho Belago if the Eastern Municipal Water District can't come up with the H<sub>2</sub>O. Right now, the EMWD can't commit to delivering liquid gold to two proposed warehouse projects (Warehouse Belago?) because of uncertainty about water supplies....

### **Threats to imported water supplies make clouds welcome sight**

January 28, 2008 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Local water officials and farmers looked out their windows Monday and said recent rains here and snow to the north could actually boost San Diego County's water supplies. That prediction is obvious but more complicated than it appears....

### **Eastern Municipal Water District recognized for workplace excellence**

*Strengths include leadership, strategic planning, and customer focus*

January 29, 2008 – bcwaternews.com

### **DWR Releases Draft EIR for North Delta Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration Project**

January 29, 2008 – The Business Wire

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the North Delta Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration Project. This project will implement flood control improvements principally on and around Staten Island, Dead Horse Island, and McCormack-Williamson Tract in a manner that benefits aquatic and terrestrial habitats, species, and ecological processes...

### **Water-treatment plant to run on solar power**

January 30, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Horseman

Rancho California Water District wants to use the sun to power its wastewater-treatment plant, a move expected to save nearly \$4 million over time while providing an earth-friendly means of electricity....

### **Regional Water Crisis Prompts Water Agency-City-County Roundtable**

Candid discussion will focus on understanding and mitigating water shortages

January 30, 2008 – bcwaternews.com

With major cutbacks of water imported from the Delta simultaneous with a severe drought in the Colorado River Basin, the General Managers of water agencies serving inland cities and county areas have concluded there is no time to waste in helping their local government counterparts understand and responsibly mitigate the potential impacts of the crisis....

### **Environmental impact report on 1,500-home Quail Ranch project to be presented Thursday**

January 30, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Dan Lee

The public can ask questions and make comments about the proposed 1,500-home Quail Ranch residential community when the environmental impact report is presented Thursday. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Moreno Valley City Hall....

### **Water cleanup talks forced to continue**

January 30, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jennifer Bowles

Closed-door negotiations aimed at resolving the liability and cleanup of the Inland region's largest unabated plume of perchlorate contamination are likely to continue another 60 days, officials said....