

Newspaper Clippings from January 7, 2008 – January 18, 2007

Former Mayor of Corona Seated on Metropolitan Board

January 8, 2008 – www.reuters.com

Former mayor of Corona and Riverside County water official S.R.

"Al" Lopez was seated today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California....

Poway declares Stage I water condition

Mandatory cutbacks not required, but move formalizes conservation appeals

January 8, 2008 – The Californian

By Andrea Moss

In a hint of what may be in store for the entire region, the Poway City Council declared a Stage 1 water condition Tuesday after staff members said the move was necessary in the face of a potential water shortage....

Former State Assemblyman Seated on Metropolitan Board

January 9, 2008 – dbusinessnews.com

Former state Assemblyman Phillip D. Hawkins was seated today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Hawkins joins Robert Apodaca as Central Basin Municipal Water District's representatives on the 37-member Metropolitan board....

Wet winter doesn't mean an end to drought

January 11, 2008 – The Valley Chronicle

By Jeff Crider

...All of this, of course, underscores the reasoning behind calls by Lake Hemet Municipal Water District and Eastern Municipal Water District to reduce water consumption by 10 percent while the agencies continue to assess the impact of the drought, the likely reduction in availability of water from the Colorado River and the Sacramento Delta and the effectiveness of current voluntary water conservation efforts....

Economic group receives mandate

January 11, 2008 – The Valley Chronicle

Call it a mandate. The cities of San Jacinto and Hemet want action from the Hemet-San Jacinto Economic Development Corp. Last week, the San Jacinto City Council denied a request from the EDC for \$16,000 more in funding over the \$10,000 it already contributed for 2007-08....

Maybe later

January 11, 2008 – The Valley Chronicle

A request that San Jacinto restore \$16,000 the City Council cut this year from its support for the Valley Economic Development Corp. - now called the Hemet-San Jacinto Economic Development Corp. - has been turned down, though the door was left open for the next annual budget cycle, which starts in June.

Proposed warehouses could change style of Rancho Belago

January 11, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Dan Lee

...The warehouses face an additional complication: Eastern Municipal Water District has postponed certifying that it could serve the Highland Fairview and ProLogis projects until at least March, given the uncertainty over water supplies....

Benefits pain

January 11, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

California public agencies have two sensible strategies for addressing the huge long-term cost of health care for retired public employees: Start paying now on future costs, and take steps to limit future expenses.

Hemet museum honors region's past, seeks to protect planet's future

January 12, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jaime Ayala

Beyond the bone displays and interactive exhibits at the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology, few patrons recognize that the past meets the present in an eco-friendly fashion as well. The Hemet museum, which opened in 2006, is one of the first in the country to meet top "green" building standards along with the adjacent Diamond Valley Lake Visitor Center does as well....

New Yuma-area reservoir to guard against drought

Colo. River facility will catch water now flowing to Mexico

January 12, 2007 – The Arizona Republic

By Shun kinnon

Arizona will invest nearly \$30 million in a new reservoir at the end of the Colorado River, money that will buy the state more water and added insurance against future shortages. The reservoir will be built about 20 miles west of Yuma, on the California side of the river, and will capture water that now flows unused into Mexico. The structure was included in the seven-state drought plan adopted last month....

Projects to add Colorado River water storage

January 12, 2008 – Yumasun.com

According to an agreement reached last week, Arizona plans to invest nearly \$30 million in a new reservoir near Yuma to buy the state more water and added insurance against future shortages...

Water laws may throttle growth

Statutes force a district near Lake Perris to assess whether supply will be available for huge warehouse project, which is now on hold

January 14, 2008 – The LA Times

By Deborah Schoch

The planned distribution center for the footwear firm Skechers USA would rise on 1.7 million square feet in the Inland Empire, making it one of the largest warehouses in the United States. It would anchor a new community called Rancho Belago, a variation of the Italian for "beautiful lake," after nearby Lake Perris reservoir...

'Green' gives way to 'sustainable development' in Perris

January 14, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Julissa McKinnon

It started with the solar panels the city installed atop dozens of downtown carports. Now up and running, those well-camouflaged solar-panel roofs supply more than half of the electricity to several municipal buildings including the library, City Hall, the Fire Department and the senior center....

Rancho California Water District to pay for computerized irrigation for big water users

January 15, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Jeff Horseman

A water district wants to help customers with big landscapes save water by paying for the installation of "smart" irrigation systems....

Redlands seeks to recoup millions from its water department

January 15, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Michael Perrault

Redlands' water utility may be asked to funnel \$17 million into the city's general fund to pay for its use of Mill Creek water rights over the past 80 years....

Riverside: conservation over development

Drought and a burgeoning population may force the rest of us to choose: lawns or jobs?

January 17, 2008 – The LA Times

Even a commodity as basic as water is an uncertain thing in Southern California. With a current drought in the Colorado River basin, the prospect of drier years ahead caused by global warming, squabbles over water contracts and a recent court ruling that threatens to cut supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta by up to 30%, these are times for serious concern about keeping the region's needs quenched....

Mayors meet to discuss water crisis

January 17, 2008 – The Californian

By Gig Conaughton

Mayors and representatives from 10 Southern California cities discussed -- but failed to sign -- a letter Wednesday lobbying the state to float a bond measure that would fix Northern California's fragile "bay delta" and keep water flowing south....

Imagine: Rain, rain, stored away

Savvy designers are helping homeowners collect and reuse storm water rather than see it all wash away

January 17, 2008 – The LA Times

By Debra Prinzing

While you watched much-needed showers race down the driveway and spill into street drains two weeks ago, did you perhaps think: How can I harness that rainfall? How can I save that water for a yard that has endured drought-like conditions? It turns out that "harvesting" rainfall is not only good for the garden, but also good for the environment....

Hemet Spotlight: Student's water conservation posters on display

January 17, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Diane E. Rhodes

Colorful posters with messages that make us think about conserving water are on display at the Diamond Valley Lake Visitor's Center through Sunday. The Hemet center is the first stop for the traveling exhibit of 38 art contest winners featured in the current "Water is Life ... 2008" calendar....

Improvements set for blighted stretch of Highway 74

January 18, 2008 – The Press Enterprise

By Herbert Atienza

A blighted stretch of Highway 74 that serves as a gateway to Perris and Hemet is poised for major beautification and upgrades. The Riverside County Economic Development Agency plans to spend about \$55 million on the roadway, including landscaping, new curbs and gutters, and facade improvements for area businesses, agency officials announced Thursday....