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Governor's vision and initiative on water supported by Eastern Municipal Water District

Perris, CA (September 14, 2007)—Decisive actions taken now by Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger and the California Legislature will mean the difference between an economically healthy state economy and long-term recession.

That sentiment was made by David J. Slawson, president of the Eastern Municipal Water District board of directors. “The special session called by the governor this week gives all Californians the opportunity to see the Legislature take comprehensive action on a number of water issues, most notably in the Sacramento Delta.”

The Delta, east of San Francisco Bay, is the largest estuary on the West Coast and enables fresh water to flow into both state and federal water systems. That water directly affects the economy and quality of life for 25 million Californians.

“What people need to realize,” Slawson said, “is that California has enough water for now and the future. The major problem is in moving that water southward across the Delta—and that transport problem can be solved.”

He added that, “Leadership by the governor at this time can break the historic deadlock on statewide water issues we’ve faced for generations. I’m glad to see that water agencies throughout the state realize the time for parochialism has passed. As EMWD board president, I

can state firmly that we support the governor's 'Delta Vision' task force. We applaud the governor and Legislature in their commitment and look forward to serious, obtainable recommendations before this year is over."

EMWD is the freshwater, wastewater service and recycled water provider to a 555-square mile area from Moreno Valley southward along the I-215 corridor to Temecula and eastward to Hemet and San Jacinto. Approximately 650,000 people live and work in this area. In addition to its own water customers, EMWD supplements water to eight local water agencies and municipalities that have their own water departments. EMWD operates four water reclamation facilities and treats some 45 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD's web site www.emwd.org.