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Public meeting on regional water management plan to be held June 29

Water Authority, the city and the county of San Diego invite public to learn about the plan

What: The San Diego County Water Authority, the City of San Diego, and the County of San Diego invite the public to a meeting to introduce the public review draft of the 2007 San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and receive public comment.

One of the IRWMP's objectives is to educate the public about the links between water supply, water quality and natural resources and foster public participation in the plan development process. This public meeting provides an opportunity for people to learn about integrated regional water management in general and the draft 2007 plan in particular, and to offer input about the plan. The input received at the meeting and via written comments will help to shape the final 2007 San Diego IRWM Plan, which will serve as the foundation for future integrated regional water management efforts.

When: Two sessions will be held on Friday, June 29; 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- The morning session will cover the background of IRWM planning and progress made by the San Diego region to date.
- The afternoon session will cover the process that the IRWM group will use to prioritize projects within the plan and the state's contracting requirements for IRWM plan projects.
- Lunch is not provided.

Where: The Treetops Meeting Facility at the San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Participants should check in at the Warner Administration Center, located to the

right of the Zoo's main entrance. To attend the public workshop without buying a ticket to the Zoo, people must bring a copy of the meeting notice posted on the San Diego IRWM Plan website (www.sdirwmp.org).

Background: The draft 2007 IRWM Plan and public comment form are available at the San Diego IRWM Plan website (www.sdirwmp.org). The comment form provides a means to organize comments and return them via e-mail. Please email or fax your comments to Mark Stadler at the San Diego County Water Authority at mstadler@sdewa.org or via fax (858) 522-6565. Input from the public and water management interests is vital to completing this collaborate effort. The 30-day public comment period closes July 13

The draft 2007 San Diego IRWM Plan is an unprecedented effort in the area of water management for the San Diego Region. Working together for the first time are the many diverse stakeholders in the area of water management - water and wastewater agencies, storm water permit holders, land use agencies, river conservancies, environmental and watershed advocacy groups, and the public. The IRWM Plan reflects a comprehensive approach to water resources planning that integrates ongoing local planning efforts and perspectives in order to maximize water management benefits and resolve any existing or potential conflicts. The IRWM Plan identifies programs and projects that best achieve the region's goals to optimize water supply reliability, and protect and enhance water quality - while providing stewardship of our natural resources.

The San Diego County Water Authority, city of San Diego, and county of San Diego plan to adopt the 2007 IRWM Plan by the end of the year. The 2007 IRWM Plan will be utilized to apply for project implementation grants available through Proposition 50, approved by the voters in 2002. The application deadline for the final round of Proposition 50 IRWM grant funding is August 1, 2007.

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The San Diego County Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water from the Colorado River and Northern California. The Water Authority works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's \$150 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.