



3-Agency Media Advisory

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Public input sought on draft 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Comments will be accepted through July 13, 2007

Who: San Diego County Water Authority, the City of San Diego, and the County of San Diego are seeking public comment on the jointly prepared Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

What: The draft 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (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 2007 IRWM Plan will be utilized to apply for project implementation grants available through California Proposition 50, approved by the voters in 2002. The application deadline for the final round of IRWM grant funding is August 1, 2007. To be eligible to apply for funding, the draft plan must complete at least a 30-day public review by August 1, 2007.

How: The draft IRWM Plan and Public Comment Form can be found at the San Diego IRWM Plan website (www.sdirwmp.org). Input from the public and water management interests is vital to completing this collaborate effort.

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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.

When: The IRWM Plan is available for review as of June 11, 2007. The Public comment period closes July 13, 2007. 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.

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