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Elsinore - Murrietta - Anza RCD
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
March 2007

	GREER RANCH	ID 1600-2005-0220-...	ID# 1600-2006-027...	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Investments				
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		41.90	8.03	49.93
Total Investments		41.90	8.03	49.93
Total Income		41.90	8.03	49.93
Expense				
Operations				
Bank Fees	29.73			29.73
Total Operations	29.73			29.73
Total Expense	29.73			29.73
Net Ordinary Income	(29.73)	41.90	8.03	20.20
Net Income	(29.73)	41.90	8.03	20.20

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Elsinore - Murrietta - Anza RCD
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31, 2007

	Mar 31, 07	Mar 31, 06
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
CASH		
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
EVMWD	6,000	
GREERRANCH DEPOSIT CHECKING	9,970	
ID #1600-2006-0271-R6 MNY MKT	10,018	
ID 1600-2006-0271-R6 CKING	9,972	
ID# 1600-2006-0271-R6 CD	40,000	
ID#1600-2005-0220-R9 CKING	30,100	
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	106,060	
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	1,802	
Total CASH	107,862	
Total Checking/Savings	107,862	
Total Current Assets	107,862	
TOTAL ASSETS	107,862	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	60,000	
Total Accounts Payable	60,000	
Total Current Liabilities	60,000	
Total Liabilities	60,000	
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	47,842	
Net Income	20	
Total Equity	47,862	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	107,862	

DEPOSIT AGREEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED DURING NEGOTIATION

This Deposit Agreement for Expenses Incurred During Negotiation ("Deposit Agreement") is entered into between the Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District, a California resource conservation district ("EMARCD"), and [DEVELOPER], a [DESCRIBE DEVELOPER'S BUSINESS ENTITY, i.e. LLP, INC., etc.] ("Developer") as of the date set forth below. EMARCD and Developer may hereinafter be referred to as the "Parties."

1. EMARCD.

EMARCD is a Resource Conservation District formed for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities pursuant to Public Resources Code section 9151 et seq. EMARCD may accept grants of money, land, and conservation easements to carry out its purposes, and may establish and charge fees for services provided upon request pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 9401 et seq. EMARCD commonly performs habitat restoration, conservation, creation and/or similar activities ("conservation") for project proponents seeking permits from regulatory agencies.

2. Developer.

[DESCRIBE DEVELOPER AND PROJECT]

3. Purpose

A proposed development project may adversely impact a species, habitat, riparian areas, or other sensitive environmental resources. As a condition to issuing a permit required for such project, a regulatory agency may require mitigation in the form of land setaside, restoration or other activity. Regulatory agencies may approve the project proponent's retention of EMARCD to perform habitat conservation, acceptance of a conservation easement, or other activity as mitigation of project impacts. Any such conservation to be performed by EMARCD would be completed under the terms of a separate conservation agreement with EMARCD.

In negotiating and preparing the various mitigation-related contracts, agreements, and other documents between EMARCD and the project proponents, EMARCD incurs expenses including, but not limited to, legal expenses, administrative and staff expenses, materials, labor, etc. If the proposed project is cancelled, abandoned, modified, disapproved or otherwise does not proceed, or if the project proponent for any other reason does not proceed with EMARCD, and no conservation agreement is finalized, then EMARCD will have expended monies, resources and/or materials that it may not be able to recover without this Deposit Agreement.

By this Deposit Agreement, EMARCD requests, and Developer agrees to provide, a deposit to EMARCD to cover and defray the above-listed expenses if EMARCD and Developer do not enter into a later conservation agreement covering

such expenses.

4. Deposit.

(a) Based on EMARCD's prior experience, the Parties agree that \$10,000 is a reasonable amount calculated to cover the anticipated expenses incurred prior to execution of a conservation agreement. If EMARCD determines that its incurred costs will exceed the Deposit amount, EMARCD shall notify Developer in writing, and may request additional Deposit monies before proceeding with mitigation-related negotiation and preparation.

(b) In the event that the Parties enter into a conservation agreement, EMARCD shall deduct from the Deposit all legal, administrative, staff, materials, labor, and other expenses relating to the negotiation and preparation of the various contracts, agreements, and/or other documents relating to the conservation agreement; any remaining portion of the Deposit shall be returned to Developer.

(c) In the event that the Parties do not enter into a conservation agreement, EMARCD shall deduct its expenses from the Deposit and return any remaining portion to Developer as in Paragraph 4(a), above. To obtain this accounting and refund, Developer must send to EMARCD, by certified mail, a written notice of cancellation, requesting an accounting and a refund of any remaining deposit monies. EMARCD shall perform such accounting and refund any remaining Deposit monies within 30 days of receipt of the cancellation notice and request.

5. Anticipated Mitigation

The Parties expect any anticipated mitigation to be the normal and ordinary conservation that EMARCD commonly performs; however, it is not yet known what the regulatory agencies will actually require. EMARCD makes no warranties or representations and cannot guarantee that EMARCD will be able to provide the mitigation required by the regulatory agencies; EMARCD only represents that it will make a good faith effort to perform its normal and ordinary conservation within its statutory authority, pursuant to the terms of a separate agreement to be executed by the Parties.

6. Nature of Rights Granted

Developer hereby acknowledges and agrees this Deposit Agreement only provides a deposit to cover or defray expenses EMARCD will incur in the negotiation and preparation of the various contracts, agreements, and/or other documents relating to the mitigation-related conservation agreement requested by Developer. Developer is not acquiring any real property interest with respect to any land interest or any of the services provided by EMARCD pursuant to any conservation agreement.

7. Mitigation Responsibility

The Parties explicitly agree that this Deposit Agreement does not commit EMARCD to actually performing any mitigation, mitigation-related conservation, or related activity. No responsibility or liability therefor shall accrue to EMARCD.

8. Miscellaneous

(a) Neither Party may assign its rights or obligations under this Deposit Agreement without the express written consent of the other, and both Parties agree not to unreasonably withhold such consent. In the event of an authorized assignment, this Deposit Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of those permitted assigns.

(b) The rights and obligations set forth herein are intended exclusively for the benefit of the Parties and shall not be construed to convey any rights or remedies to any third party.

(c) This Deposit Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to its subject matter, and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, and all prior or contemporaneous discussions or negotiations between the Parties. This Deposit Agreement cannot be amended except in writing signed by both Parties.

(d) This Deposit Agreement and all documents executed and delivered in connection herewith shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

(e) If any legal action or any arbitration or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Deposit Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses, and other costs incurred in that action or proceeding in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Deposit Agreement as of the last date set forth below.

ELSINORE MURRIETA ANZA
RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT, a California resource
conservation district

[FULL LEGAL NAME OF DEVELOPER.]

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Report: Temecula Agricultural Conservancy

Basic problem: How to preserve the Temecula Wine Country and its' "ambiance"

Simplified background:

Since most of the area is zoned "Citrus Vineyard" with a minimum of 5 acres and it was noted by the planning commission that property owners had a "right" to develop their land, the CV zone ordinance was developed and passed to allow "clustering". This allows a higher density of homes while keeping approximately half of the rest of the property as vineyards.

The problem is keeping the vineyard property as vineyard without the property owners (in a HOA or the like) later asking for rezoning or something else. The Temecula Agricultural Conservancy, a 501C3 non-profit, was formed by a number of vintners, grape growers, and residents to keep the vineyards "in perpetuity" with agricultural conservation easements.

The first major development under the new CV zone ordinance is "El Sol Vineyards Hill", about 1100 acres, half of which was the former Bell Ranch vineyards once owned by Callaway. The proposed project has areas for several vineyards, wineries, 1/2 acre lots, 1 acre lots, a fire station, and much more. The developer is balking at the idea of an agricultural conservation easement and seems to prefer something that does not involve a permanent deed restriction (he said that he doesn't really know what a conservation easement would be). According to County Counsel, a conservation easement must be voluntary for the developer.

Two (out of possibly more) advantages of an agricultural conservation easement would be:

- vineyards could be maintained in perpetuity
- property owners could have a tax advantage

The EMARCD could possibly handle an agricultural conservation easement and in some ways this is a "natural" since it will be local and in keeping with the early agricultural mission of the RCD. Local growers (Ben Drake, etc) could do the planting and maintenance. Having the RCD (local, a 3rd party) handle the property may appeal to the developer.

I believe the RCD should help the Temecula Agricultural Conservancy, whether it is in the form of any advice we could give, a partnership, or more.

Dan Matrisciano, EMARCD associate director

Los Angeles Times

April 9 2007

The DWP's proposed energy corridor, to bring nonpolluting power to L.A., would traverse a wildlife preserve in S.B. County.

By JANET WILSON
Times Staff Writer

Highlighting the environmental pitfalls of harnessing "green" energy, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's push to import nonpolluting power to Los Angeles could require building power lines and transmission towers through a national forest, two desert wildlife preserves and a rustic hamlet used in countless westerns.

According to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the 85-mile-long "Green Path" energy corridor designed to bring solar, geothermal and nuclear power from southeastern California and Arizona would slice across the Big Morongo Wildlife Preserve north of Palm Springs, Pioneertown near Yucca Valley, Pipes Canyon Wilderness Preserve and a corner of the San Bernardino National Forest before crossing over the Cajon Pass and connecting with existing power lines in Hesperia.

'Green' project makes critics see red

The DWP's proposed energy corridor, to bring nonpolluting power to L.A., would traverse a wildlife preserve in S.B. County.

By JANET WILSON
Times Staff Writer

More than a dozen preservation and community groups have condemned the mayor and DWP for a plan that they say would destroy priceless vistas, natural areas and wildlife corridors.

"Not only is such energy consumption not 'green,' it is unacceptable under any name.... The ends cannot justify the means," Justin Augustine of the Center for Biological Diversity said in a letter to Villaraigosa last week.

City officials are up against tough new state laws and self-imposed deadlines to replace highly polluting coal-fired power with renewable energy produced by geothermal, wind and solar generators in the Imperial Valley, the Tehachapi Mountains in Kern County and elsewhere.

Villaraigosa did not return calls for comment. DWP commission President David Nahai insisted that no final decisions on a route had been made.

"This project is very much environmentally at its beginning stages," Nahai said.

The anger over the proposed route underscores challenges nationwide over how to ship wind, sun and steam power from remote rural reaches to booming urban centers.

"People do not like the way power lines look," said George Douglas, spokesman for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Energy.

He said vast amounts of renewable resources exist across the country. Enough wind turbines could be built in North Dakota to power Chicago. One hundred square miles of desert solar panels in California, Nevada or New Mexico could power most of the United States.

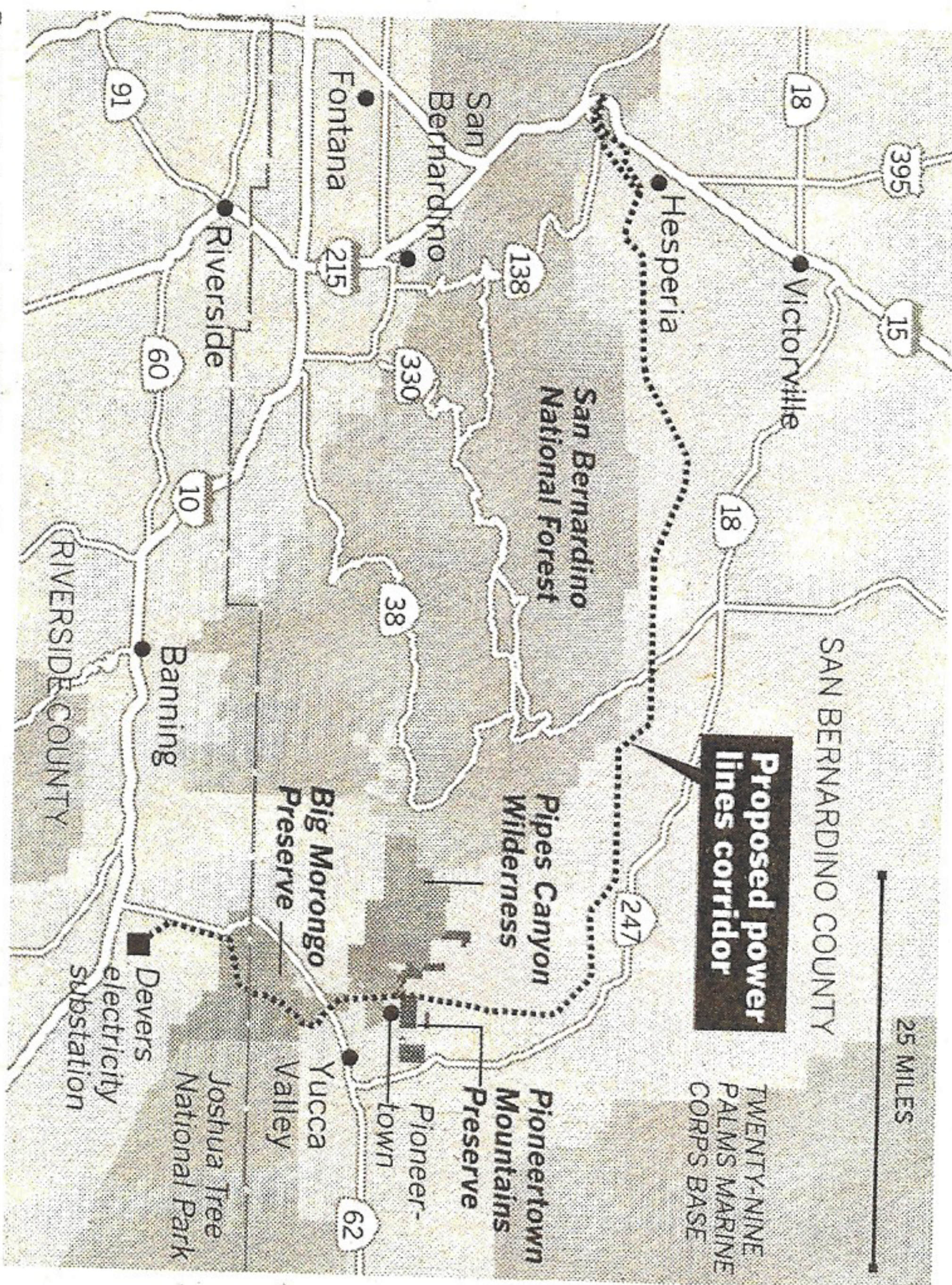
But, Douglas said, "the chances it's going to happen are zero, because nobody's going to build the transmission lines. They're great big things that cost a lot of money, and people don't like them. They are unsightly — there's no two ways about it — and when you build them, they definitely disturb the land."

In Los Angeles, Villaraigosa

DWP's 'green' energy corridor makes critics see red

Power lines planned

Desert groups are protesting a proposed Los Angeles DWP power transmission corridor which would pass through wilderness areas and a national forest.



Sources: L.A. DWP, The Wildlands Conservancy
Graphics reporting by JANET WILSON

LORENA INIGUEZ Los Angeles Times

said last year that he wanted to make the sprawling metropolis "the greenest city and cleanest city in America" and was pushing aggressively for 20% of the city's power to be renewable by 2010. Officials also chose not to

renew a contract with a Utah coal plant that provides more than 40% of the city's power. That pact will expire in 2023. The proposed Green Path is a key piece of the mayor's strategy. High-voltage lines in the trans-

mission corridor would ship 800 megawatts of geothermal and solar power from near the Salton Sea and 400 megawatts of nuclear power from Arizona — enough to meet 10% of the city's current energy needs.

DWP officials said they decided on a "preferred alternative" in December after studying possible routes for more than a year. They said the route they chose would be the least intrusive to existing homes, tribal lands, national parks and wilderness areas.

Environmentalists scoffed at that claim. "We were just shocked," preservationist David Myers said of his reaction after looking at a map of the route.

Myers is head of The Wildlands Conservancy, a nonprofit group that has spent \$50 million assembling private wildlife corridors and preserves close to Joshua Tree National Park, the San Bernardino National Forest and elsewhere, including Pipes Canyon.

Myers accused city officials of secretly planning the route, saying that conservationists learned about it two weeks ago from a staff member of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Nahai said there was no attempt at secrecy but acknowledged that Myers had a point. "I

think we need to do a better job of outreach and a better job of communication," he said. "This is a new, environmentally committed administration. What we're trying to do is to diversify away from filthy coal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and do it in a way that is environmentally protective."

The DWP staff members said that there would be extensive public hearings before a final decision was made, and that they might "tweak" the map to try to move it away from the Pipes Canyon preserve, Piñon Canyon and the surrounding Sawtooth Mountains, which provided the backdrop for "The Cisco Kid" and many other western television shows and movies.

But Nahai added that no matter what route was chosen, there would be some environmental damage caused by the project. He said the priority was obtaining clean, renewable energy on a citywide basis to reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollution, as well as meeting power needs.

"Failure is not an option," he said. "What I can commit is that the department will do its utmost to minimize adverse environmental effects."

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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2007 7:46 PM
Subject: Re: agenda items

Pam:

Sorry, but we never planned to hire Wendy. In fact, this is the first time I have heard you mention it. The Board has never acted on this or even discussed it/
Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: pamela05n
Date: 5/1/2007 3:52:38 PM
To: lottiefox@verizon.net; danishelen@earthlink.net; robertdwheeler@verizon.net; vickiglong@aol.com; bikemanterry@verizon.net
Subject: agenda items

Anyone have agenda items they want for the next meeting?

I have earth festival: pay Wendy the money (\$500) for labor, as planned and RCD possible letter to Sup. Stone and Parks about the S.J. Riverpark land transfer, and new News/Info pub. for Earth Fest.

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April 26, 2007

The Honorable George Plescia
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 3141
Sacramento, CA 94249-0075

RE: AB 566 (Plescia) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Plescia,

On behalf of (agency name), I am writing in support of AB 566 (Plescia), relating to the development of a standardized evapotranspiration data protocol. This bill will substantially assist in statewide efforts to encourage and improve conservation of our valuable water resources and reduce urban runoff.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR), in collaboration with several water agencies across the state, has been developing a standard data protocol for evapotranspiration data. Evapotranspiration is the loss of water to the atmosphere by the combined process of evaporation (from soil and plant surfaces) and transpiration (from plant tissues) and it is an indicator of how much water crops, lawns, gardens and trees need for healthy growth and productivity. The goal is to provide this data in an easily accessible, standard format throughout the state using the California Irrigation Management Information System, or CIMIS. AB 566 will direct DWR to complete the standardized evapotranspiration data protocol project and expand the data quality of CIMIS across the state. The bill appropriates \$360,000 in funding for this project.

As California continues to grow, we continue to seek new and innovative ways to maximize our water resources. The CIMIS system provides evapotranspiration data to California's agricultural industry, as well as residential landscapers, pest control managers, park and golf course operators, water agencies, large urban irrigators and others, allowing them to develop weather-based, water-budgeting methods of irrigation. A recent study found that CIMIS generates \$64.7 million in annual benefits to the state at a cost of only \$850,000. Completion of a standardized ET protocol and expansion of CIMIS will result in substantial water conservation improvements and greatly reduce urban runoff.

Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and commitment to this important issue. If there is anything I can do to be of further assistance in enacting AB 566 into law, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Geoff Long, Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Senate Republican Fiscal Staff
John Moffatt, Office of the Governor

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 Whittington" <bikemanterry@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2007 1:48 PM
Attach: IRWD AB 566 Sample General letterFINAL.doc
Subject: Fw: Conservation standards for ET controllers

THIS COULD BE IMPORTANT. PUT ON AGENDA FOR RCD MEETING.
 BOB

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Conservation standards for ET controllers

Good Morning,

Phil Rosentrater, Western's External Affairs Officer, asked me to forward the attached sample support letter for AB 566 (Plescia) for you to review and use as you see fit.

Thank you,
 Patti A. Webster
 Executive Assistant
 Western Municipal Water District
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To: <JBrandt@dfg.ca.gov>
Cc: <lottiefox@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 4:02 PM
Subject: Re: 1600-2006-0238-R6 mitigation check

Hi Jeff,

Sorry about the mix up I am not sure why Sam sent the check to you but I need a copy of the 1600 permit too for our mitigation files. Thanks

Send the check to:

Vicki Long
40390 Via Caballos
Murrieta Ca 92562

See what's free at <http://www.aol.com>.

4/24/2007

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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 2:20 PM
Subject: 1600-2006-0238-R6 mitigation check

Charlotte and Vicky---

We received a \$56,000 check for the EMA-RCD for the mitigation for streambed agreement 1600-2006-0238-R6. Where do you want the check mailed ?

Thank you, Jeff

Jeff Brandt
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Sent: Saturday, April 21, 2007 12:17 PM
Attach: EMARCDspring 2007[1].doc; The Honorable Mary Bono-rcd Nov.doc
Subject: emarcd information sheet and mary bono letter

I really "scalped" the newsletter to produce something for an information sheet for the Earth Festival and other things. We agreed on 2 pages, so what do you think?

Also, I'm attaching a letter to Bono . I still need to do the other one.

Pam

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4/22/2007

The Honorable Mary Bono
707 E.Tahquitz Canyon Way
Suite #9
Palm Springs
CA 92262

April 22, 2007

Dear Congresswoman Mary Bono,

This is an appropriate day, Earth Day, to thank you for your efforts to save some of Riverside County's special and important places as wilderness with your bill, H.R.6270. We at the Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District appreciate your help in protecting our natural resources and open spaces, as this is part of our mission.

Please notify us if you need support or help to promote this bill. Beauty Mountain, Cahuilla Mountain and Agua Tibia are all in our District and watershed. We are working with local agencies and government to protect, heal and create a healthy watershed. Your efforts will give us a boost in the right direction.

Sincerely,
Pam Nelson
EMA Resource Conservation District, President
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Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Spring 2007

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- Mitigation Vicki Long, Chair
Watershed Pam Nelson, Chair

Mission Statement

The Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza RCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District.

STRATEGIC PLAN - 2007 UPDATE

Background

EMARCD's territory includes 505,000 acres, or approximately 789 miles, extending south from Scott Road to the San Diego County line, and from east of Anza west to the Orange County line. Farmers formed the district in 1949, and the thirteen original goals all related to farming.

Today, the district includes a variety of physical and demographic characteristics. It ranges from 1200 feet above sea level at Lake Elsinore to 8716 feet at El Toro Peak and 4000 feet around Anza. Rainfall varies from 12 to 16 inches annually, with 20+ inches on the higher mountains. The rainfall is interspersed with periods of drought, which may last for several years. In very wet years, flooding can occur along both the Murrieta and Temecula Rivers.

Natural vegetation varies with elevation, and includes many species of plants and animals. Much of the area is included within the conservation area of the new Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) created by Riverside County, wildlife agencies, and other cooperators. The District lies almost entirely within the Santa Margarita Watershed, encompassing several headwaters and tributaries that eventually drain through the Santa Margarita Canyon, passing through Camp Pendleton before exiting into the Pacific Ocean at Oceanside.

In order to balance the competing uses for industrial, commercial, residential, recreational and farming activities, and to address regulatory demands and changed economic circumstances, the District developed a Strategic Plan for 2006-2010, creating a mission statement and four major goals. The plan and objectives will be updated annually.

Goal 1: Assess, monitor, and assist in the implementation of resource conservation management plans within the district.

1. Pursue restoration and mitigation opportunities.
2. Partner with others to inventory, restore and conserve the Santa Margarita River Watershed habitats. Among these partners are USDA-NRCS, Bureau of Reclamation, California Fish & Game, US Fish & Wildlife, US Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, San Diego Regional Water Quality,

counties and cities, local water districts and watershed and firesafe councils and others as appropriate.

Goal 2: Promote appropriate land use management and policies to improve quality of life for the district's existing and future population.

1. Use mitigation funds to restore damaged and acquire habitat.
2. Inventory effluent discharges into the watershed.
3. Identify areas in need of invasive weed removal and restoration.
4. Identify methods of improving water quality in the watershed.
5. Attend city, county and local councils to stay informed about impacts to land use and resources within the district.

Goal 3: Provide opportunities and programs to educate the community and raise awareness of sound conservation principles within the district.

1. Present an Earth Day event and participate in other similar events. Provide the community with environmental education through presentations.
2. A Newsletter will be published to distribute to the public and local agencies and government.
3. Work with the South Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council to promote regional education efforts.
4. Search and apply for program and project funding.

Goal 4: Establish a strong organizational structure to insure effective and efficient stewardship of the district.

1. Establish standing committees with directors as chairpersons.
2. Establish a bookkeeping system that meets GAAP and Government standards, and that the treasurer can use to create a monthly electronic report for the board.
3. Complete audits and bring financial records up to date.
4. Create policies and update District policies as needed.
5. Continue the search for office and meeting room facilities.
6. Develop a job description and begin search for a paid part-time staff person.

Annual Report - 2006

Goal 1: assess, monitor, and assist in the implementation of resource conservation management plans within the district.

- Testified at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hearing on the proposed Ord. 348 for OHV use on private property, Point X Hearings and Ord. 847, Noise Ordinance hearings with respect to CEQA.
- Attended Bureau of Reclamation meetings on water quality monitoring in the Santa Margarita River Watershed.
- Participated in the Anza Water Study Committee.

Goal 2: promote appropriate land use management and policies to improve quality of life for the district's existing and future population.

- Attended Anza and Aguanga town hall meetings to observe local community issues.

Supported the SOS group's efforts to stop the Liberty Quarry.

-Investigated and learned about mitigation and how RCDs can use funds generated in this manner to protect local habitats. Policies, bookkeeping, easements, liability and responsibilities are a few of the areas of concern.

-Anza Water Study Committee member. The future of Anza depends on their water quantity and quality. We supported Anza in their efforts to make sure a scientifically-based water study would be done before any large development occurs in the basin. USGS will conduct the 3-year study.

-Attended the Santa Ana Watershed Association to benefit from their collaboration on future projects in the Lake Elsinore portion of our District.

- Received mitigation funds (Streambed agreement 1600-2005-0220-R9) to be used by our district to restore 0.5 acres of riparian habitat or other conservation efforts.

Goal 3: provide opportunities and programs to educate the community and raise awareness of sound principles within the district.

-Visited with Dr. Gordon Pratt, coordinator of the Quino Checkerspot Laboratory at Murrieta High School.

-Attended the South Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council to see how regional partnership can benefit our outreach efforts.

-Partnered with Metropolitan Water District and the Riverside County Department of Community Improvement to put on our first Earth Day event at the Alamos Schoolhouse grounds at Lake Skinner. We received a \$2000 grant for the event through the MWD Community Partnering Program.

Goal 4: Establish a strong organizational structure to insure effective and efficient stewardship of the district.

-Responded to LAFCO's proposal of RCD boundaries following watershed lines by agreeing to the concept and preparing an appropriate map of our watershed using Riverside County Flood District and Regional Water Quality Boards 8 and 9 for assistance.

-Bob Wheeler applied for two grants. One was through the State Water Resources board for implementing and expanding the Santa Margarita River Watershed Plan of 2004 into the upper portion of the watershed. The second was for an EPA Capacity Building grant to create a Santa Margarita Watershed Council.

-Attended Ethics Training as mandated for all Directors.

Time and Place of Meetings

**Second Thursday of Every Month
2:00pm**

**Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve
394 Clinton Keith Road
Murrieta, CA 92562**

Meetings are open to the public.

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From: "pamela05n" <pamela05n@peoplepc.com>
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Sent: Friday, April 20, 2007 4:13 PM
Subject: Re: March Monthly Report.pdf

This was too big for me to download. What report is it? I haven't started looking at the Newsletter, but we need to come up with 2 pages for our Earth Festival. I think it will be easy. Maybe just our contacts, the 2006 and 2007 plans the water study, mitigation committee--. I didn't edit the material I sent in--it needs it.
Pam

-----Original Message-----

From: Lottiefox
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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 10:32 AM
Subject: [lwvc_energy] CAISO Board Rules LEAPS as Generation - not Transmission

CAISO Board Orders Market-Based Pumped Storage/Transmission Project

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The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) oversight board of governors Thursday decided that a proposed pumped storage/new high-voltage transmission line project near the Riverside and San Diego County border in Southern California should use market-based cost recovery, preserving the grid operator's independence and avoiding any discriminatory treatment for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) project. The board said the move supports existing marketing and operating processes.

CAISO indicated that it will file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by May 1 to let the federal regulators know the state grid operator doesn't consider LEAPS as "transmission" and doesn't want it included in its transmission access charges; instead the project should be considered a "large generator" and integrated into CAISO on that basis.

"Once the pumped storage units were fully operational and interconnected to the CAISO-controlled grid, the [LEAPS sponsors] would bid their services into the CAISO markets, like other generation resources do, [and] it would be competitively evaluated and dispatched by the CAISO, consistent with the Market Redesign Technology Update (MRTU, set to be effective Jan. 31, 2008)," the CAISO board said in taking its action.

The five-member board voted unanimously to go against the ruling by FERC last year, granting the project status as an "advanced transmission technology" under provisions of the 2005 federal Energy Policy Act (EPAct). The sponsors of LEAPS, the Nevada Hydro Company Inc., last September filed with CAISO, offering three options for incorporating the pumped storage unit into the state's grid operations.

CAISO at that time identified the key issue of whether it was appropriate to include the costs of the pumped storage part of LEAPS in the transmission access charge (TAC) paid by all CAISO participants. FERC essentially ruled that it could be done, but Thursday's action by the CAISO board nixed that idea.

"The stakeholder positions presented during the stakeholder process expressed concerns regarding cost recovery of LEAPS via the TAC, and the operation of LEAPS by the CAISO," said Philip Pettingill, CAISO infrastructure policy/contracts manager, in a written summary given to the board of governors.

CAISO management received the board's agreement that it needs to emphasize to FERC five key points, starting with the fact that California's grid operator "values its independence and will conduct its business in such a way as to create confidence among market participants that CAISO is

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independent during any market transactions." Further, the primary function of LEAPS is to produce electricity -- not to move energy in bulk.

Therefore, LEAPS is not so unique "that it deserves preferential treatment;" its sponsors, Nevada Hydro, should not receive cost-based recovery through TAC; and finally, Nevada Hydro needs to follow the CAISO process for large generators joining the grid.

"The only supportable option available to CAISO and consistent with stakeholder preference is the merchant operation of the pumped storage units following the conclusion of the large generator integration process," said CAISO's management in its recommendation to the board. "In formulating this position, CAISO [staff] considered all options in the context of stakeholder comments, CAISO independence and market impact."

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EVMWD: Keeping the community informed

:: program description

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) recently began construction on its major Capital Improvement Program, consisting of 30 individual projects designed to enhance the water and wastewater infrastructure that supplies safe and reliable water to Elsinore Valley residents. Construction for the \$110 million Capital Improvement Program began in January 2007, with all projects expected to be completed by early 2009.

By implementing this program, EVMWD has taken innovative and proactive steps to upgrade the water and wastewater systems in order to meet the needs of the growing Elsinore Valley community.

Water system upgrades and expansion includes:

- Replacement of old water main pipelines with new, larger size pipes

- Drilling new water wells
- New pumping stations
- New reservoirs
- Additional water treatment facilities
- Replacement and upgrades to service lines
- Replacement of large service water meters
- Sewer system upgrades and expansion includes:

- Replacement of old sewer pipes with new, larger size pipes
 - New sewer lift stations
 - New trunk sewers to expand system capacity to handle increased flows

In order to accomplish the goals and aggressive timeline for the program, an unprecedented amount of construction work will be required throughout the Elsinore Valley area.

For a complete list of the program's construction projects, please see page 4.

:: program highlights

In March, the Plastic Service Replacement Project began in Canyon Lake and Prospect Road in Lake Elsinore. The project will upgrade existing pipe from plastic to copper in order to bring the pipe up to current standards and minimize the potential for water leaks. This month, 10 replacements were made at the Canyon Lake retail center and 15 private services, and 12 services were replaced along Prospect Road. The project is approximately 30% complete.

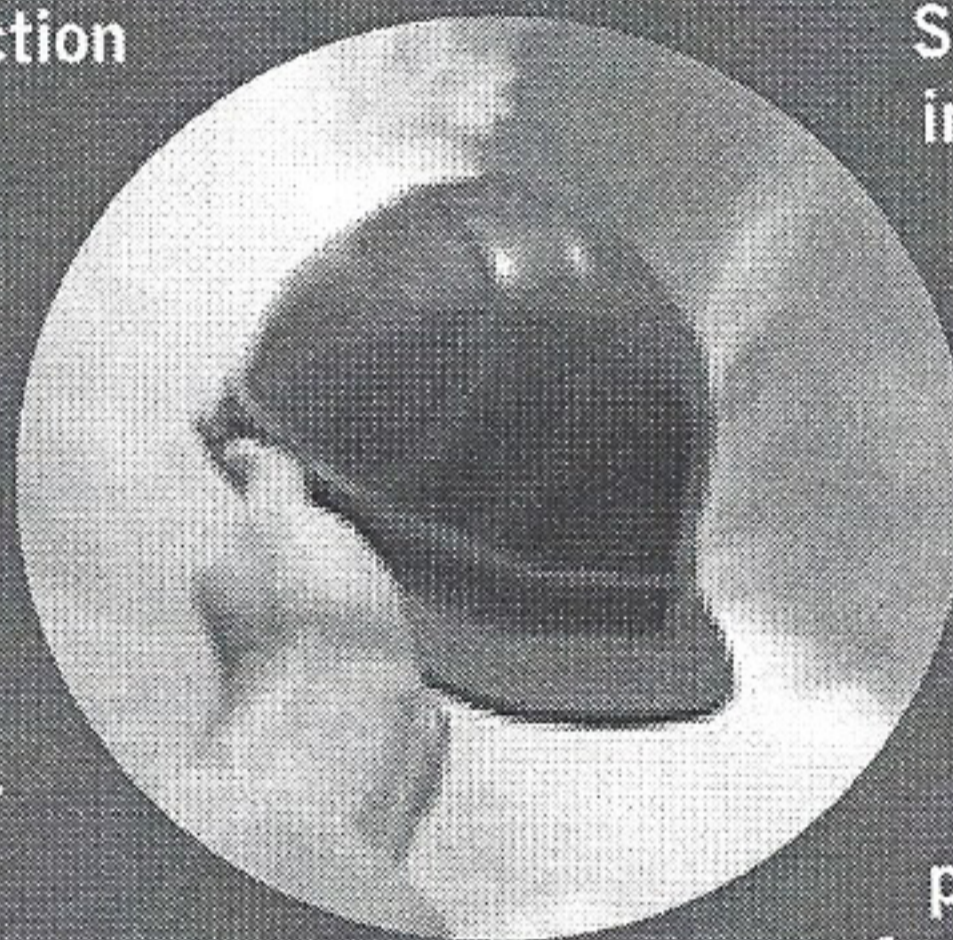
- Preparations began for four new projects beginning in April: El Toro Water Main; Elsinore Lake Recharge Pipeline; Lakeland Village Water System; and sewer repairs at Canyon Lake.

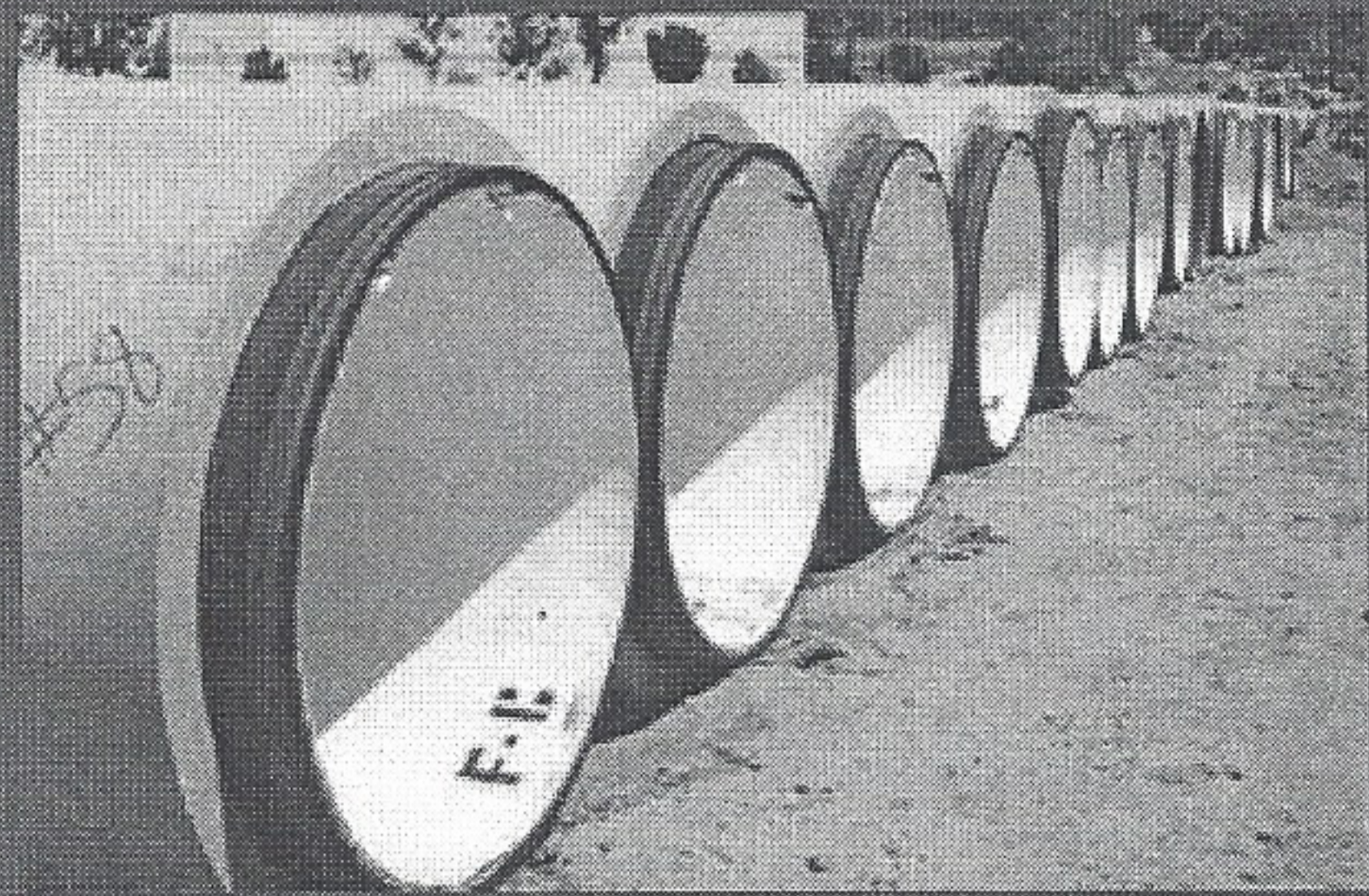
- The district's continued efforts have resulted in

over \$11 million in grants from state and regional agencies, including the Department of Water Resources, California Department of Health Services, State Water Resources Control Board and Metropolitan Water District.

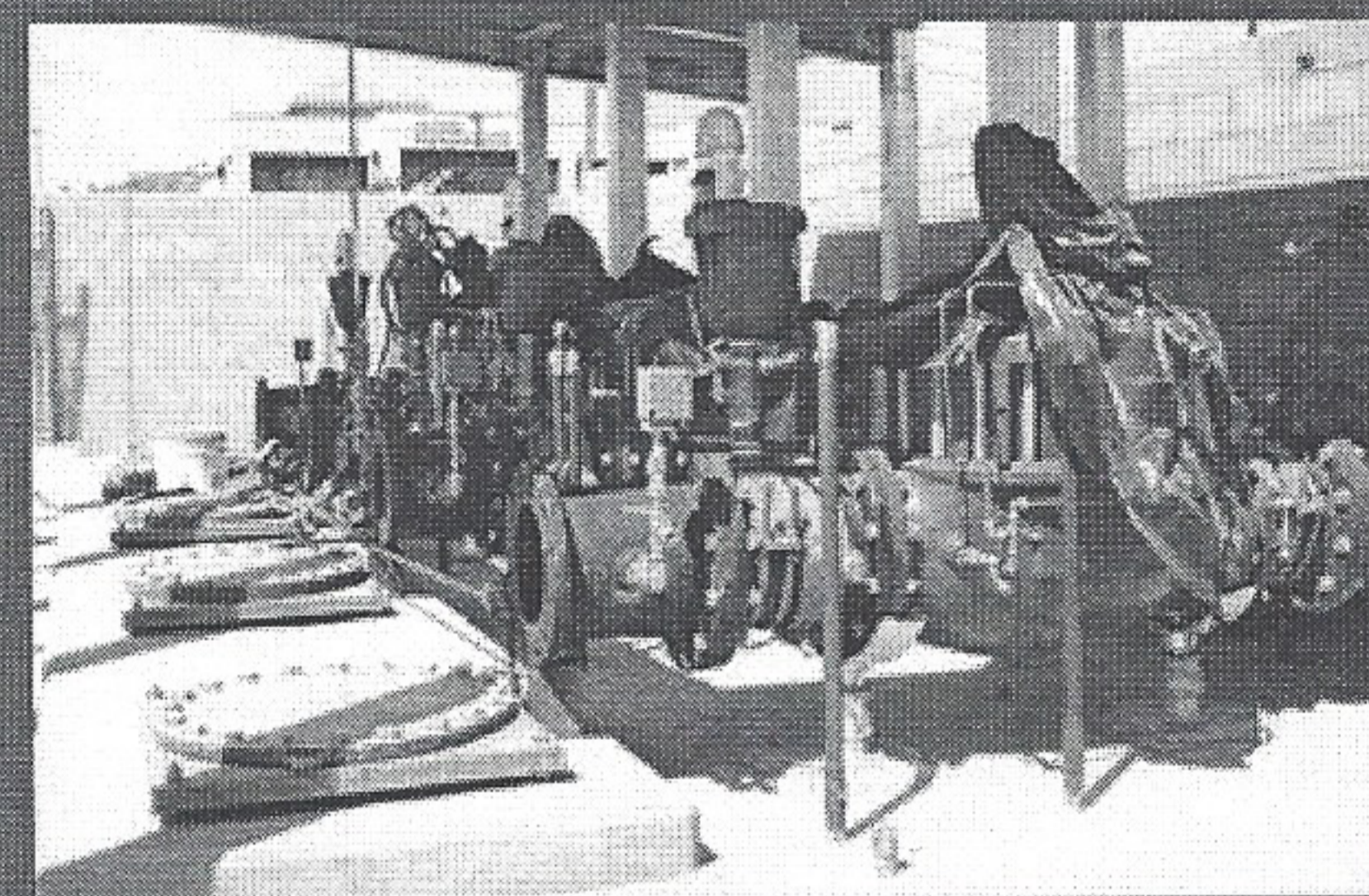
- Since its commencement in late February 2007, the CIPO website has been used successfully by contractors, developers, design engineers, consultants, district and the program management staff, working diligently on 12 projects. The number of website visits increased from 580 in February to over 2,000 in March, and the trend continues.

- During March 2007, we provided formal, comprehensive CIPO training to over 40 users.





Lakeshore Trunk Sewer - Malaga Rd.
View of 48" diameter pipe to be installed by micro-tunnel method.



Wildomar Booster Pump Station
View of newly-installed pumping equipment.
(Near Kaiser Permanente)



Washington Ave. Sewer - Palomar Rd.
View of force main sewer pipe trench in Palomar Rd. southeast of Clinton Keith Rd.

:: highlights of projects under construction

LAKESHORE TRUNK SEWER - MALAGA

Involves installing approximately 2,300 linear feet of 48-inch gravity sewer pipeline using microtunneling near the Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium on Malaga Road from just west of the stadium to Mission Trail Road. Access to the stadium and stadium parking lot will be available at all times. Micro-tunnel machine launched in March and proceeded ahead of schedule. Work is approximately 50% complete.

WILDOMAR BOOSTER PUMP STATION

Involves constructing a new water booster station at the intersection of Inland Valley Drive and Prielipp Road on the Inland Valley Medical Center site to service the future development demands of the new Wildomar Community Facilities District. The project is 60% complete. Construction work included: pumping station building and roof work.

MISSION TRAIL PIPELINE

Involves upgrading approximately 7,000 linear feet of 24-inch PVC and approximately 200 linear feet of 16-inch PVC water pipeline with new 24-inch and 16-inch ductile-iron water pipeline in the center median of Mission Trail Road from Corydon Street to Palomar Street. Phase 1 was completed and placed into service March 30. Phase 2 construction begins the first week in April. The project is 35% complete.

WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER

Involves installation of approximately 4,300 linear feet of 10-inch ductile iron force main sewer pipeline and 1,400 linear feet of 15-inch PVC gravity sewer pipeline on Palomar Road from Clinton Keith Road to where Palomar Road becomes Washington Avenue. Lane restrictions will occur during construction and traffic delays may be significant, however access to businesses and residents will be available at all times. Installation of 15-inch gravity sewer was completed. (800 feet). Currently installing 1200 feet of 10-inch force main. Project is approximately 35% complete.

LARGE METER REPLACEMENT - PHASE 1

Involves the replacement of water meters and fire detector check meters at seven school sites throughout the Lake Elsinore Unified School District and three private sites. Meters replacements were completed in March at the 3 private sites (Elsinore Water District; Faith Baptist Church; and Grand Oaks Apartments). Replacements at 7 school sites is scheduled for 1st week in April to coincide with spring break to minimize disruption. The project is 30% complete.

CONTINENTAL AND LIGHTHOUSE SEWER REHABILITATION

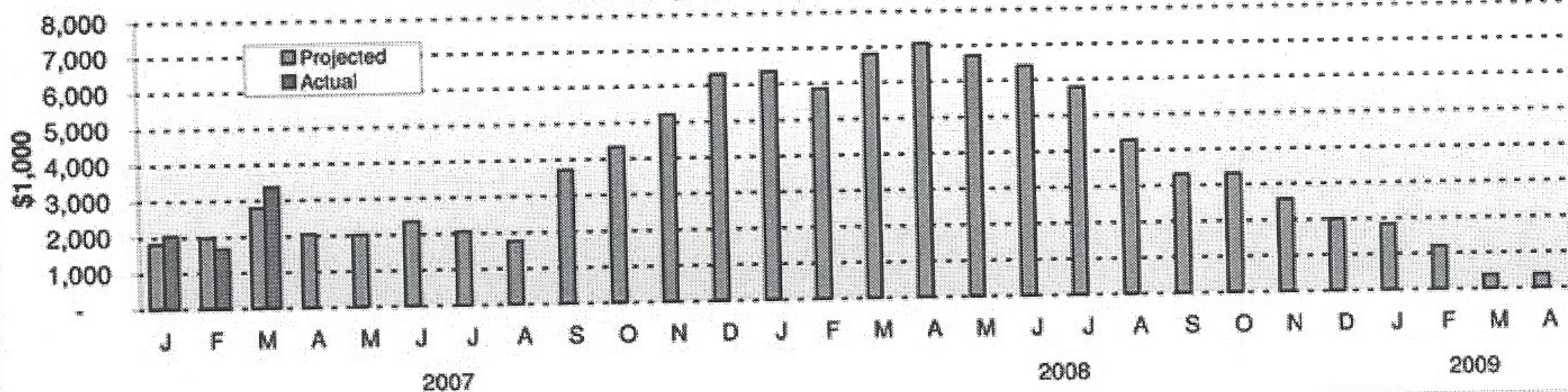
Project work will take place in Canyon Lake near Vacation Drive, from Giant Fir Place to Canyon Lake Drive North and between Continental Drive and Railroad Canyon Road. Crews will dig holes to reach the pipeline, and replace the small segments of damaged pipe. The street will then be re-paved on the portion of the street where the repair was made and blended to match the existing pavement. Work is anticipated to be completed within the next two months.

Normal construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

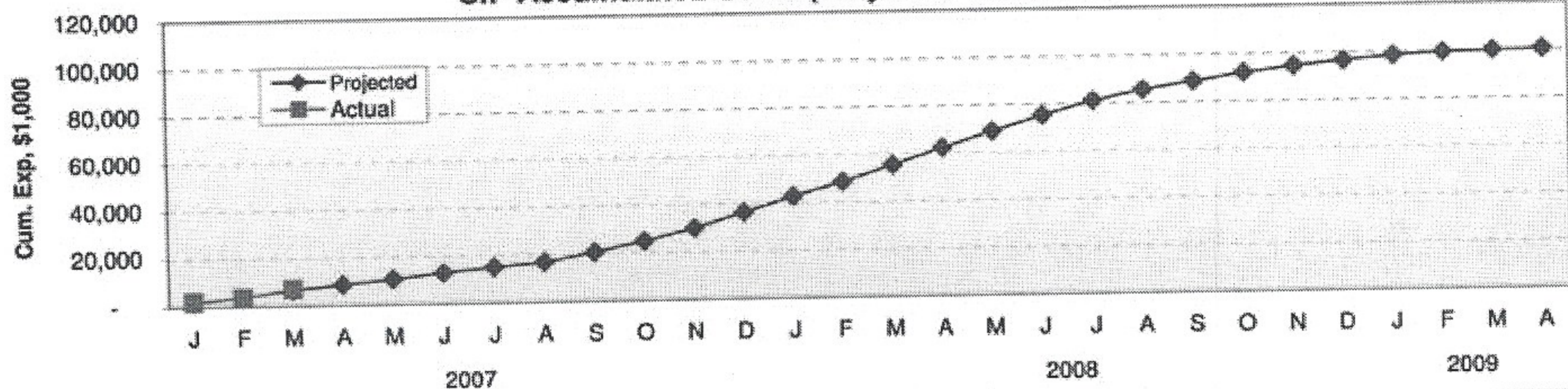
CIP Active Projects Construction Schedule

Item	Project Name	2007												2008						
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1	Mission Trail Pipeline																			
2	Wildomar Pump Station																			
3	El Toro Pipeline																			
4	Plastic Services Replacement																			
5	Continental & Lighthouse Sewer																			
6	Elsinore Line Replacement																			
7	Lakeshore Sewer - Malaga																			
8	Washington Avenue LS Sewer																			
9	Large Meter Replacement - Phase 1																			
10	Lakeland Village Water Sys Improv																			

CIP Monthly Costs (Projected vs. Actual)



CIP Accumulated Costs (Projected vs. Actual)



in the community

As part of its commitment to keeping the community updated throughout construction, EVMWD has developed a public awareness program to inform the community about the program's need and benefits and any potential impacts of construction.

MEDIA RELATIONS

In March, The Capital Improvement Program was featured in the March 12 edition of "The Californian" publication, which featured an interview with district board President Ben Wicke, and highlighted both the program's plans and the innovative CIPO website.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Construction alerts were delivered to inform residents of construction activities near the El Toro Pipeline project and the Lakeland Village Pipeline project. In addition, community meetings were scheduled in each of these areas to take place in April.

CIPO WEBSITE

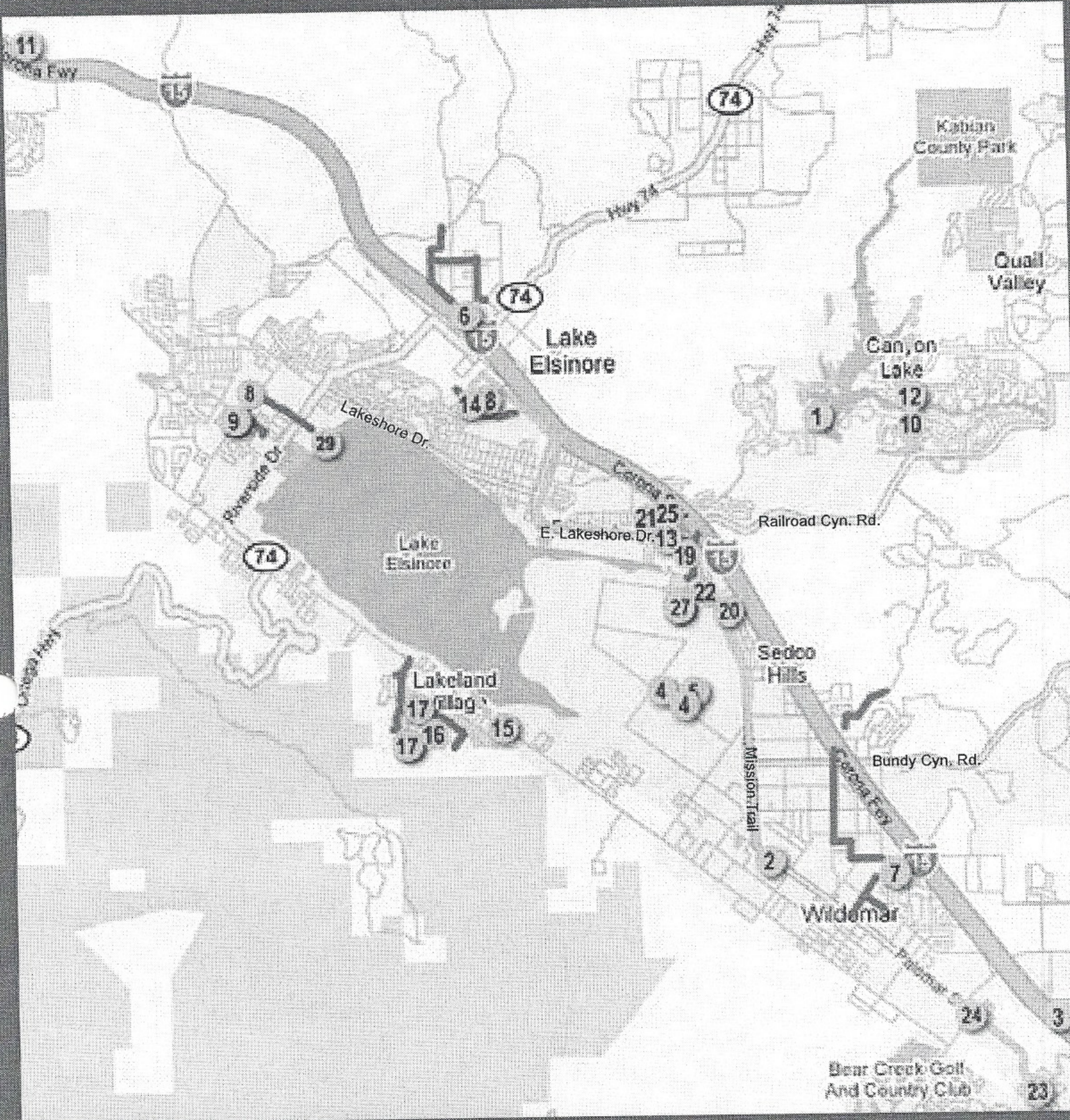
The website features detailed program information, traffic alerts, interactive maps, project descriptions, upcoming construction schedules and important contact information. Elsinore Valley residents are encouraged to visit the CIPO website often for the latest construction information and project updates.

The CIPO website will also be used as a tool for program staff to efficiently manage the construction program by significantly reducing paper and allowing for real-time communications for more effective project management.

HOTLINE

A 24-hour construction hotline has been established for anyone to call with construction questions or concerns at 951-893-7116. Calls received after normal business hours will be returned between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

:: CIP project map



:: project list

1. Longhorn Drive Sewer
2. Mission Trail Pipeline
3. Wildomar Booster PS
4. Back Basin Wells - Drilling
5. Back Basin Wells - Equipment
6. El Toro Pipeline
7. Waite St Pipeline and PS
8. Terra Cotta Wells - Equipment
9. Terra Cotta Wells - Drilling
10. Plastic Services Replacement
11. TVP Pump Station
12. Continental & LH Sewer - Phase 2
13. Wildomar Recycled Water - Phase 1
14. Elsinore Line Replacement
15. B-Series Sewer Replacement
16. Lakeland Village System Improvements
17. Lakeland Village Reservoir / PS
18. Lakeshore Trunk Sewer - North
19. Lakeshore Trunk Sewer - Malaga
20. Lakeshore Trunk Sewer - South
21. Lakeshore Regional Lift Station Force Main
22. Lakeshore Regional Lift Station
23. Washington Ave Lift Station
24. Washington Ave Sewer
25. Large Meter Replacement - Phase 1
27. Back Basin GW Treatment System
29. Joy St and Corydon Rd Blending Pipelines

For additional information and construction updates, please visit the CIP0 website at www.evmwdcipo.com or call the construction hotline at 951-893-7116.



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Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 9:31 AM
Subject: Your good work is making news

Check this out, very cool. Your effort has not gone unnoticed.

Rick

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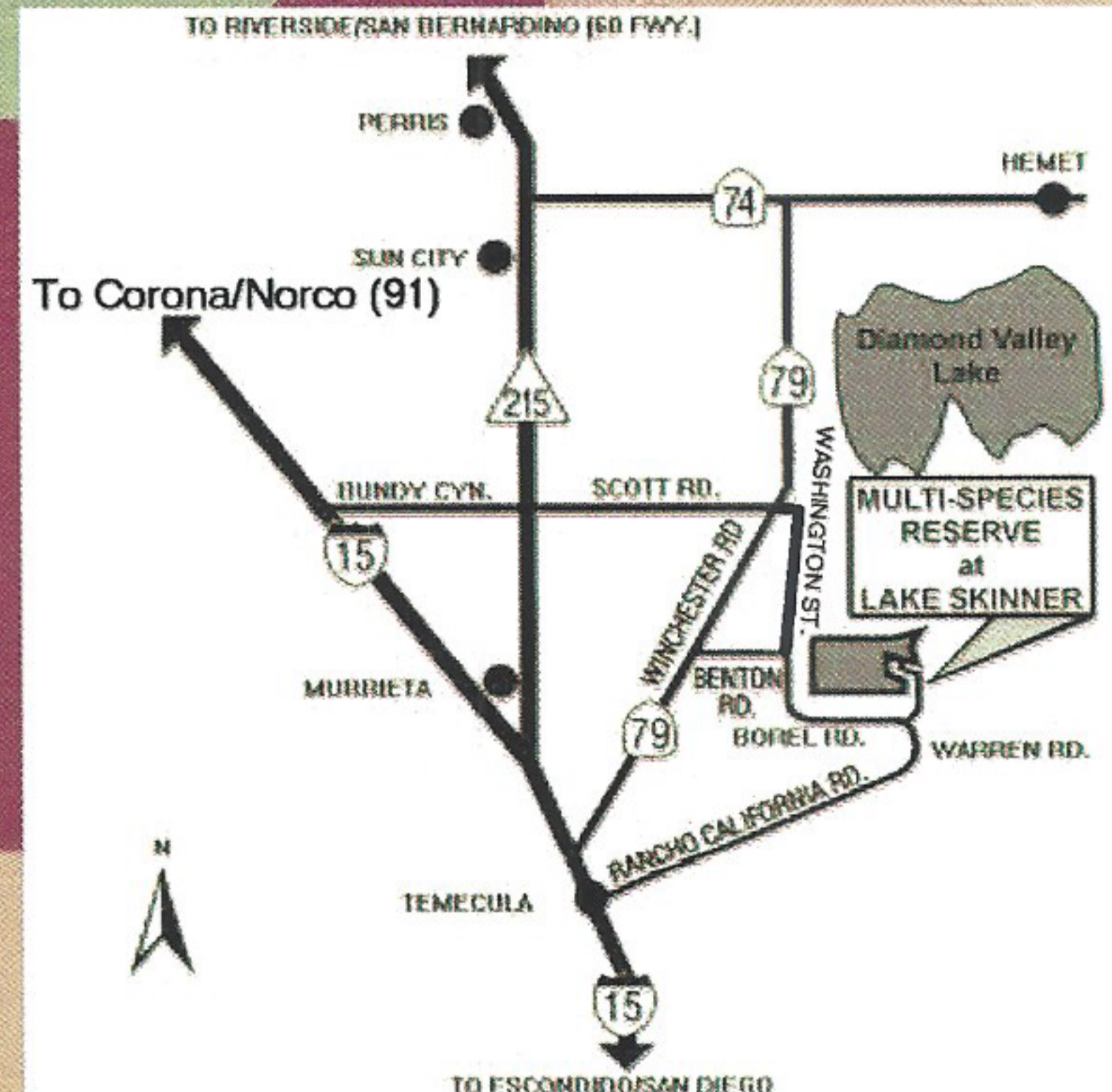
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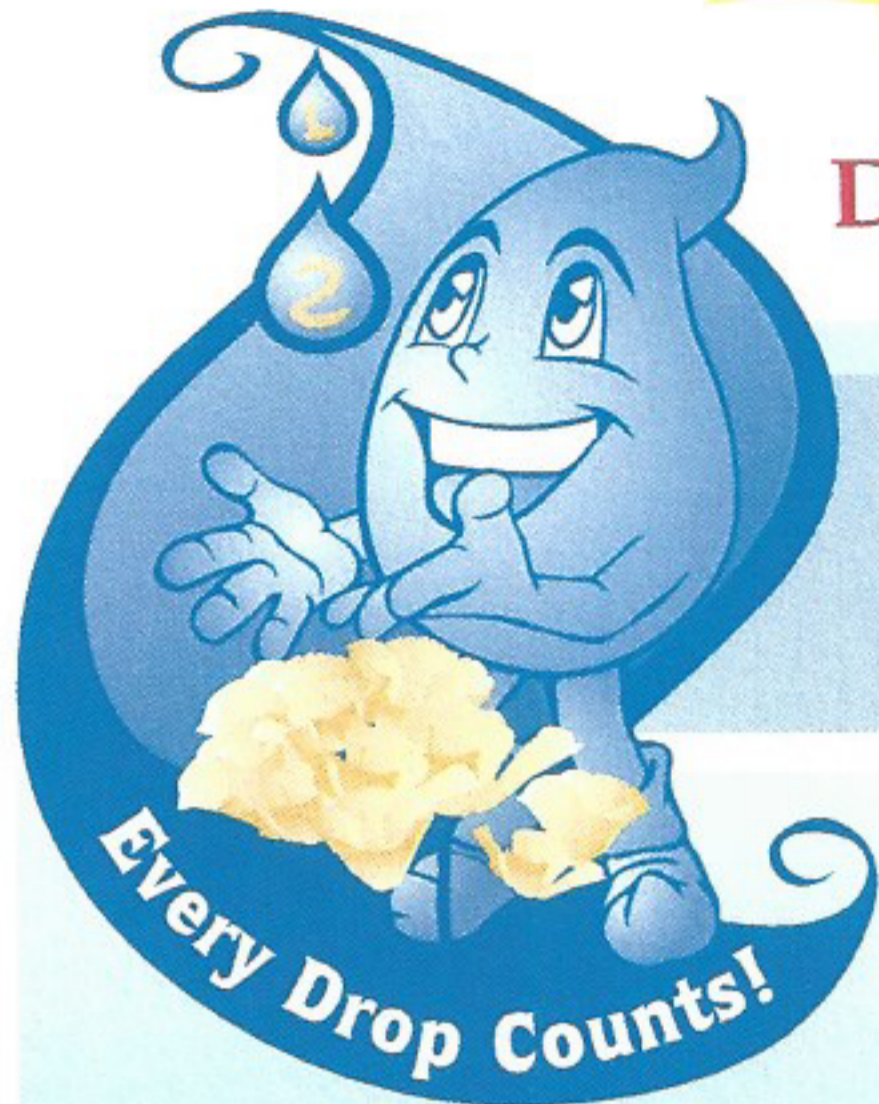
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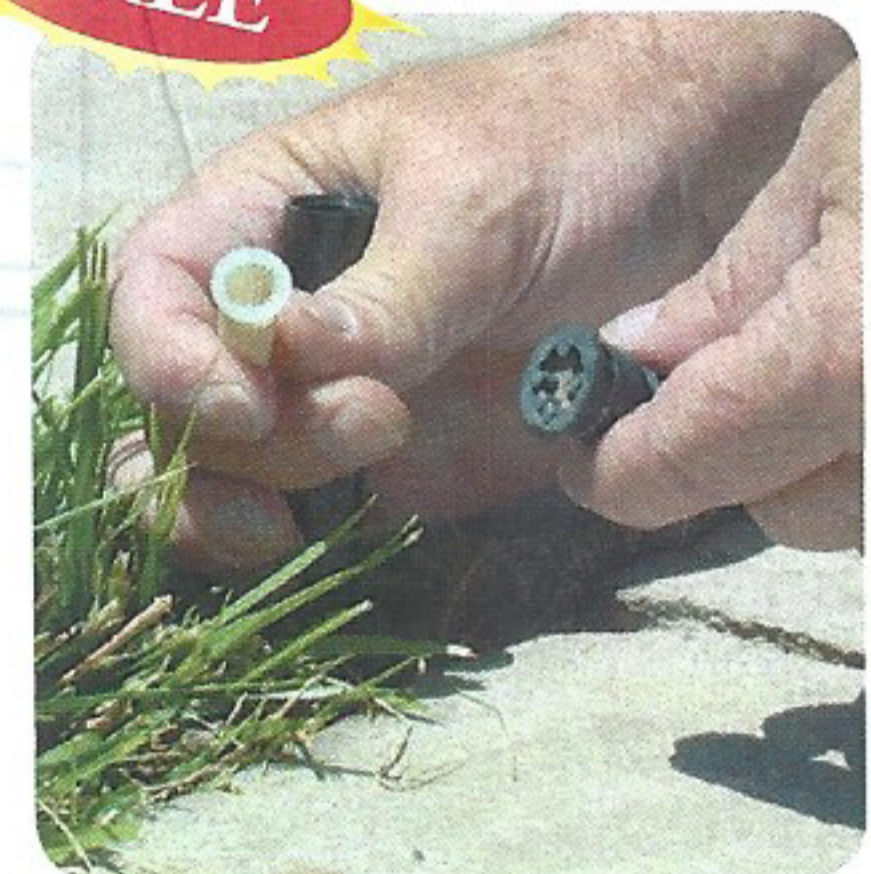
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