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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sacramento and East Bay leaders celebrate massive water project that will provide critical water supplies and save limited groundwater supply

What: A celebration of a historic water accord between Sacramento and the East Bay that will lead to both communities – bitter enemies over the issue of water for more than three decades – getting much needed water supplies. This event marks the beginning of construction of the “new partnership” project.

When: Monday, May 7, 2007
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Sacramento River at Freeport; 7760 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento

- *From the East Bay:* I-80 to US-50 East toward Sacramento/South Lake Tahoe. Merge onto I-5 South towards Los Angeles. Exit at Freeport 160/Pocket Road/Meadowview Road. Left at light onto Pocket Road. Drive .25 miles to turn right on Freeport Blvd. Continue .75 miles to the Freeport Intake Facility, on right after underpass
- *From North Sacramento:* Take I-5 South towards Los Angeles. Follow directions above.
- *From South Sacramento:* Take I-5 North towards Sacramento. Exit at Pocket Road. Turn right onto Freeport Blvd. and continue .75 miles to the Intake Facility.

Significance: This new, critical supply will protect EBMUD’s 1.3 million water customers against a potentially devastating drought and provide Sacramento with a much-needed supplemental supply. The project is also a national model in developing new water sources through regional cooperation.

Participants: Master of Ceremony: Tom Philp, Associate Editor, The Sacramento Bee
Lt. Governor John Garamendi
Katy Foulkes, EBMUD and FRWA Board of Directors
John Coleman, EBMUD and FRWA Board of Directors
Don Nottoli, Sacramento County Supervisor and FRWA Board of Directors
Roger Dickinson, Sacramento County Supervisor
Tom Graff, Environmental Defense Regional Director
Heather Fargo, Mayor of Sacramento
Bonnie Pannell, Sacramento City Council
Ron Stork, Senior Policy Advocate, Friends of the River
Mike Finnegan, area manager, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation