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**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT COMPLETES COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC
WATER RESOURCES PLAN FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY**

*Strategic Plan Lays Out Water Strategy With Emphasis On Securing High-Quality Water
for 2010 and Beyond*

PALMDALE, CA, August 27, 2009 – Palmdale Water District has prepared its Strategic Water Resources Plan (SWRP) to establish guiding objectives and to identify necessary steps in order to meet the projected future needs of its customers. With the population residing within PWD’s current service area expected to more than double over the next 25 years, anticipated supply needs to meet the water demands of these customers is also expected to more than double. The purpose of the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Strategic Water Resources Plan (SWRP) is to develop a sound water supply strategy to meet the demands of both current and future customers through the year 2035.

“The *Strategic Water Resource Plan* is vital to the District’s ability to answer key questions on water needs, water uses, facilities, and the finances needed to support future water needs,” stated Randy Hill, Palmdale Water District General Manager. “Palmdale Water District has a number of water resource options available to it in order to meet these needs, including imported water, groundwater, local runoff, recycled water, conservation and water banking. To understand where PWD should be placing its emphasis, PWD has developed this plan that considered all the different options available to us.”

Evaluating many options with respect to a variety of factors including cost, reliability, flexibility, ability to implement and sustainability through this evaluation process, PWD has developed the following recommended water resource strategy. The *Strategic Water*

Resource Plan summarizes the proposed implementation schedule for the recommended strategy. In general, the bulk of new activity is expected to take place between 2010 and 2020 as a means to shore up existing supplies, meet projected near-term future demands, and lay the groundwork for meeting long term demands.

The *Strategic Water Resource Plan* is meant to serve as a guide to the PWD Board and staff as it develops and updates a variety of other planning documents including its urban water management plan, water system master plan, financial plans, and other planning documents. The scope of this plan is far-reaching and is based upon the best available information at this time. However, it is not meant to be a static document and will be revisited regularly and formally updated every 5 years.

The development of the *Strategic Water Resource Plan* is consistent with the mission, vision and core values of PWD which is “*to provide high quality water to our current and future customers at a reasonable cost.*”

About Palmdale Water District

The Palmdale Water district has grown from an agency providing irrigation water for 60 customers, to an agency providing domestic water to the thriving community we know today. Founded as Irrigation District supplying water mainly to farms for agricultural use, the district’s boundaries have expanded with Palmdale’s rapid population growth and the District has shifted to providing predominantly municipal and industrial water. The Palmdale Water District is currently divided into five divisions covering areas in East and West Palmdale. The Palmdale Water District remains dedicated to providing clean, pure water; state of the art facilities to meet current and future needs; attentive staff committed to customer satisfaction; treatment and testing to ensure high quality water; education on water conservation and safety; and reliable supply and resourceful planning insuring customer satisfaction and continued reasonable rates. The Palmdale Water District can be reached by calling (661) 947-4111. The Palmdale Water District is located at 2029 E Avenue Q in Palmdale, California.

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