

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that public meetings will be held by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 25, 2008. The Board will also hold public hearings beginning at 9:00 a.m. April 22, 2008. The public meetings and public hearings will be held at CVWD's Coachella office in Forbes Auditorium, 85-995 Avenue 52, Coachella, California.

Meetings and hearings will be held in compliance with Section 54954.6 of the California Government Code.

The purpose of the March 25, 2008, public meetings is to allow testimony from the public regarding each of the proposed replenishment assessment programs. The programs are as follows:

1. Proposed 2008-2009 Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment Program for the Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit.
2. Proposed 2008-2009 Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment Program for the Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit.
3. Proposed 2008-2009 Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment Program for the Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit.

The purpose of the April 22, 2008, public hearings is to consider the above-proposed 2008-2009 Water Replenishment Assessments to be levied by the Board upon water producers within the Areas of Benefit as authorized by Chapter 7, Sections 31630 through 31639 of the State Water Code. The Areas of Benefit are described as follows:

Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit.

That upper portion of the Whitewater River Subbasin within the boundaries of CVWD, bounded on the east beginning at the north end of Jefferson Street, south to Avenue 40, west to Adams Street, south along the north-south township line to Fred Waring Drive (Avenue 44), west to Washington Street, south to the Santa Rosa Mountains near Highway 111. The area's southern boundary continues westerly along the foothills of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains to the western boundary at Whitewater. The northern boundary continues from Whitewater easterly across the Indio Hills to the point of beginning.

The general area includes the Cities of Indian Wells, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, the northern portion of Cathedral City, and the unincorporated areas of Riverside County northerly of these cities.

Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit.

That portion of the Mission Creek Subbasin situated within the boundaries of CVWD, bounded on the east beginning approximately one-eighth mile west of the center of section 10, township 3 south, range 5 east, San Bernardino Base and Meridian; thence southeasterly along the trace of the Mission Creek Fault to the base of Edom Hill; thence curving westerly along the base of the Indio Hills to the intersection of Avenue 20 and Palm Drive; thence north along Palm Drive to Avenue 18; thence west along Avenue 18 to Little Morongo Road; thence north along the west section line of section 12, township 3 south, range 4 east, to Avenue 16; thence east along the north section line of said section 12 to the northeast corner of the section; thence south along the east section line of said section 12 to the east-west midsection line, which is Dillon Road; thence east along Dillon Road to the point of beginning.

The general area includes unincorporated portions of Riverside County.

Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit:

That lower portion of the Whitewater River Subbasin situated within the boundaries of CVWD, beginning at the northerly extension of Jefferson Street located on the San Andreas Fault, south to Avenue 40, west to Adams Street, south to Fred Waring Drive (Avenue 44), west to Washington Street, south to the Santa Rosa Mountains near Point Happy. The area's western boundary continues south along the foothills of the Santa Rosa Mountains to the southwest corner of section 25, township 7 south, range 7 east, thence to the southwest corner of section 36, township 8 south, range 8 east, which is approximately 3 miles due west of Travertine Rock. The boundary continues east along the Riverside County line to the southeast corner of section 34, township 8 south, range 9 east, which is inundated by the Salton Sea. The boundary continues northeasterly across the Salton Sea to the northeast corner of section 34, township 7 south, range 10 east, thence northwesterly along the San Andreas Fault to the point of beginning.

The general area includes the Cities of Coachella, Indio, La Quinta, and the unincorporated areas of Riverside County southerly of these cities.

All groundwater production for Producers located within the above-mentioned Areas of Benefit is proposed to be assessed at the following rates per acre-foot:

Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit. . . . .	\$93.78
Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit. . . . .	\$79.60
Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit. . . . .	\$10.00

For the Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit, this entails an increase of \$2.11 per acre-foot (2.3 percent) over the previous fiscal year.

For the Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit, this entails an increase of \$7.24 per acre-foot (10 percent) over the previous fiscal year.

For the Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit, this entails an increase of \$2.30 per acre-foot (30 percent) over the previous fiscal year.

For the Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit and the Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit, increased costs are primarily associated with State Water Project (SWP) entitlements. Increased costs for the Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit are primarily the result of amortized capital costs for groundwater replenishment facilities.


It is estimated that these assessments will provide \$14,769,131, \$361,941 and \$1,720,000 for the Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit, the Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit and the Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit, respectively, for the water replenishment program.

The levying of the replenishment assessments by CVWD is for the purpose of importing water and recharging the groundwater basins underlying the areas of benefit. All persons or entities producing more than 25 acre-feet of water per year in the Areas of Benefit are considered Producers and will be assessed to pay for the costs to import water and recharge the groundwater basins.

Each Producer in the Areas of Benefit is required to measure groundwater production and provide CVWD a groundwater production statement along with the assessment payment each month. The Producer also has the option to enter into an Agreement to allow CVWD staff to measure groundwater production and send the Producer an invoice each month.

A copy of reports entitled "Engineer's Report on Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment, Upper Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit 2008-2009," "Engineer's Report on Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment, Mission Creek Subbasin Area of Benefit 2008-2009" and "Engineer's Report on Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment, Lower Whitewater River Subbasin Area of Benefit 2008-2009," regarding the necessity of levying the assessments will be available for inspection at the Engineering office counter located at the Coachella office of CVWD beginning March 25, 2008. Additional information may also be obtained by calling the offices of CVWD at (760) 398-2661, extension 2234, during regular working hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Date: March 7, 2008

  
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Julia Hernandez, Board Secretary  
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