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IMPORTANT WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM INFORMATION • AUGUST 2009

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM PROPOSED BY FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Water Supply Challenges and Solutions

Imported water supplies are becoming less available and increasingly costly due to a number of factors:

- **FIRST:** perhaps the worst statewide drought in history;
- **SECOND:** increased legal restrictions on pumping water from the Northern California Delta;
- **THIRD:** increased demand from a growing population

FOOTHILL'S PLAN FOR WATER INDEPENDENCE: We are responding with a strategic plan for achieving increased water independence by developing new local sources of water, and upgrading and replacing the aging water system.

Rehabilitating the Regional Water System

Foothill's facilities—pipelines, reservoirs, pump stations, controls, valves, and backup generators must work flawlessly every day, around the clock. Important parts of the water system are becoming worn and must be upgraded or replaced.

ENSURING WATER SUPPLIES FOR DAILY AND EMERGENCY NEEDS: Repairs are especially needed to ensure ample water flow during hot days and to fight fires and increase reliability during emergencies. The upgraded system will provide greater reliability, reduced threat of supply cutoff and fewer costly emergency repairs. The infrastructure plan calls for a four to five year construction program to begin in 2010.

Developing New Water Sources

The Foothill area is heavily dependent on imported water supplies that are becoming increasingly limited and costly. New local supplies must be developed for long-term water reliability and independence.

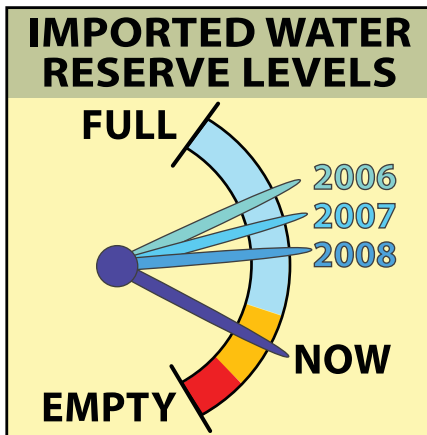
RECYCLED WATER: A phased program is proposed that will provide recycled water for large landscape irrigation and for recharging groundwater basins.

STORMWATER CAPTURE: Implement improved ways to expand the local stormwater capture to allow for future storage and use.

CONSERVATION: Provide ongoing assistance to the Foothill family of agencies for water conservation tips, assistance and continued education.



For more water saving tips, go to www.bewaterwise.com.



Developing a Funding Plan & Sharing the Costs Fairly

About \$20 million is needed in order to implement needed regional water system repairs and to initiate water supply projects. Foothill's cost-effective financial plan includes:

- Obtaining bond financing, with a repayment period over several decades, so both current and future customers will share the costs fairly.
- The bonds would be paid back either through an assessment on property or through increased water rates and charges. These approaches are being analyzed.
- Additionally, State and Federal grants and low interest loans for regional water supply programs are being sought.