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SMWSA UNVEILS REGIONAL WATER MASTER PLAN
Phased Approach to Boost Long-Term Reliability of Water Supplies

DOUGLAS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTIES, Colo. – June 4, 2007 – The South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA), an organization consisting of 13 cooperating water providers in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties, approved a regional master plan that will expand the role of renewable water supplies to reduce dependency on deep groundwater and meet future demands in Denver’s south metro area. The plan represents a deliberate first step in transitioning to a more sustainable supply portfolio.

At present, water providers in the south metro area rely primarily on bedrock groundwater to meet municipal and industrial needs. While groundwater is sufficient to meet today’s water demands, bedrock aquifers* do not have a significant source of natural replenishment. Recognizing the need to bolster water supplies to meet demands in the future, SMWSA and its member organizations commissioned the regional master plan to help them develop new, renewable sources of water.

“This master plan will serve as a roadmap to guide our collaborative efforts as we work to optimize use of our resources, explore new partnerships to acquire water rights, and consider investments in major water infrastructure facilities,” said Charles J. Krogh, SMWSA president. “This is a significant milestone for SMWSA as an organization, and we look forward to working together to execute this plan.”

The plan offers a phased approach to developing future water supplies, beginning immediately and continuing to the 2030s and beyond. Programs already underway include more aggressive water conservation, reuse efforts and sharing local resources. In addition, the implementation program includes three phases of renewable supply development:

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- **Interim:** Participating providers will seek surface renewable water supplies on a temporary basis from other water providers, and use local pipelines and infrastructure as much as possible to transport the water to their service areas.
- **Mid-term:** Participating providers will acquire additional new water supplies to meet SMWSA's goals through the early 2020s while phasing capital investments in major new water facilities.
- **Long-term:** The plan calls for acquisition of additional water rights to meet goals for build out conditions, possibly through partnering with others on major water supply development and infrastructure investments.

As independent providers, each member will evaluate projects in terms of their individual water supply goals, operational strategies and financial abilities. Participants may elect their preferred level of participation to best meet individual demands and timing needs. Once a project is initiated, each participant will obligate itself to fulfill its financial and operational responsibilities.

About South Metro Water Supply Authority

South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) is the south-metro region's leader in water development and distribution. Formed in August 2004, SMWSA is an experienced and knowledgeable regional water entity that plans, develops and sources renewable water for Douglas and Arapahoe Counties in Colorado. SMWSA's mission is to foster long-term reliable and affordable water supplies in the south Denver-metro region, through water conservation, reuse, renewable source acquisitions, regional structural and non-structural projects, funding mechanisms and integrated use of resources. The municipal water providers in SMWSA include: Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, Castle Pines North Metropolitan District, Centennial Water and Sanitation District, Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District, East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District, Inverness Water and Sanitation District, Meridian Metropolitan District, Parker Water and Sanitation District, Pinery Water and Wastewater District, Roxborough Park Metropolitan District, Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, Town of Castle Rock and the Castle Pines Metropolitan District. For more information visit www.SouthMetroWater.org.

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Editor's Note: Copies of the entire master plan are available to news organizations on DVD. Please contact Alicia Olson or Ramey Becker at 303-755-4400 to obtain a copy.

*An aquifer is an underground geologic formation of rock, soil or sediment that is naturally saturated with water. An aquifer stores and yields groundwater to springs, wells and streams.