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SMWSA Members Laying Groundwork for Next Generation of Water Users *Members to Sign Participation Agreement by June*

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. – May 1, 2008 – South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) members are deciding how to fund efforts to decrease their dependency on groundwater through 2030. The participating members are developing an agreement that defines each provider's share of a series of infrastructure and water rights projects by the second quarter of 2008. SMWSA is an organization consisting of 13 cooperating water providers in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties.

The agreement stems from SMWSA's Regional Water Master Plan. Released in June 2007, the Plan outlines a phased approach to developing sustainable future water supplies for Denver's south metro area. The agreement requires each member to determine their participation level in a series of mid-term projects, as outlined in the Plan's second phase of renewable supply development. Members' financial commitment will be prorated to correlate with their participation level in each project. The mid-term projects include:

- Northern Pipeline, Pump Station & Capacity
- Barr Lake Water Treatment Plant & Capacity
- A Local Transmission Pipeline, Pump Station & Capacity
- Rueter-Hess Reservoir Pipeline, Water Treatment Plant & Capacity
- Barr Lake Water Conveyance
- Water Rights Purchasing & Appropriation

Once approved, the agreement will allow SMWSA to more efficiently implement the mid-term projects and streamline the approval process.

“Signing the participation agreement is a more than 20-year commitment that demonstrates our members dedication to working together to transition to a more sustainable supply portfolio and optimize resources,” said Rod Kuharich, SMWSA's executive director. “The agreement is also another great example of our forward movement on the Master Plan; a guidebook that's setting the course for the next generation of water providers in the south-metro area.”

As independent water providers, each SMWSA member is evaluating the mid-term projects in terms of its individual water supply goals, operational strategies and financial abilities. The agreement is fast-tracking members' preferred levels of participation. Once the agreement is formalized and individual project details are approved, participants will be obligated to fulfill their 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 supply planning, treatment 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: SMWSA owns the projects' water pumping/conveyance capacities. Parker Water and Sanitation District owns the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Water Treatment Plant and East Cherry Creek Valley Water & Sanitation District owns the Northern Pipeline and Pump Station, Barr Lake Water Treatment Plant and local transmission pipeline.