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### **SMWSA to Play Advanced Role in State Water Planning & Cooperation *Select Members Elected to Denver Metro Roundtable & IBCC Board***

**GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. – Aug. 1, 2008** – South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) members are playing an integral role in state water planning and development. Rod Kuharich and Dave Kaunisto, SMWSA executive director and board member, are recent additions to the Metro Denver Water Roundtable. Kuharich also began his three-year term as chair of the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC). Finally, John Hendrick of SMWSA’s Board of Directors joins Kuharich on the IBCC as vice chair.

“South Metro Water was founded on the principles of fostering long-term reliable water supplies through locally driven and collaborative initiatives,” said Charlie Krogh, SMWSA board president. “So it makes sense for our members to continue to facilitate discussions on water management issues on a state level. We hope to help promote and refine the framework for inter-region water cooperation.”

Created by House Bill 1177 of the Colorado Water for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, both the IBCC and Denver Metro Roundtable (along with eight other Basin Roundtables), aim to provide a permanent forum for broad-based water discussions in Colorado.

SMWSA board member Frank Jaeger is also a member of the Denver Metro Roundtable. SMWSA is an organization consisting of 13 cooperating water providers in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties.

### **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](http://www.SouthMetroWater.org).

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