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El Dorado Water Agency

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Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Peripheral Canal Presentation
El Dorado Water Agency hosts Public Meeting; Metropolitan Water District and
The Nature Conservancy featured speakers

William T. Hetland, P.E., General Manager of the El Dorado County Water Agency invites members of the public to attend an informational workshop. Guest speakers Curtis Schmutte and Leo Winternitz to give presentations regarding the current Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta situation, The Nature Conservancy's role in the Delta and Peripheral Canal updates: a question and answer opportunity will follow the presentations. Hetland encourages citizens to attend, *"Anyone interested in learning about California's water system and the Delta's unique ecosystem should not miss hearing what these two experts have to say."*

Curt Schmutte, P.E. is a civil engineer specializing in water resources planning. A 23-year veteran of the California Department of Water Resources, Schmutte currently works for the Metropolitan Water District analyzing and implementing seismic flood risk mitigation strategies and emergency actions to protect Delta smelt and ecosystem enhancements.

Leo Winternitz, M.S., former Deputy Director for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Executive Director of the Sacramento Water Forum and Assistant to Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Water Resources has over 30 years of water resource experience in California. Winternitz currently serves as the Director of Delta Projects for The Nature Conservancy.

The workshop, co-sponsored by El Dorado Irrigation District, South Tahoe Public Utility District, Grizzly Flats Community Services District and Tahoe City Public Utility District will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisor's Chamber, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California. Refreshments will be served.

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