

## California Department of Water Resources

### **Security Update, September, 2002**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is significantly more secure and vigilant than it was in September, 2001. DWR operates the California State Water Project (SWP), one of the largest water and power systems in the nation, and administers many water resource-related programs, including dam safety, flood management and water resource planning.

Since September of 2001, DWR has taken action to increase security, regulate access and closely monitor activities at SWP facilities, DWR offices and work stations, said Sonny Fong, DWR's emergency preparedness manager. In addition to upgrades in facility security, special training on security and emergencies has been given to DWR's key managers, first-responders and security staff.

The result is greater security for DWR people, SWP infrastructure, and DWR offices and work places.

While DWR does not discuss details of its security program, the Department coordinates very closely on security issues and emergency preparedness with Federal and State public safety and law enforcement agencies, the US Bureau of Reclamation, utilities, regional and municipal water entities, and others. DWR is a catalyst at the State level on security planning, coordination and communication among agencies that share a concern to protect lives and infrastructure, especially water agencies.