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**DWR Announces Public Workshops
on Flood Bond Funding**

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will conduct six public workshops statewide to discuss how Proposition 1E and 84 flood bond funds will be spent. In November 2006, voters approved nearly \$5 billion in new bond funding for flood control projects, levee repairs, Delta improvements and stormwater grants. Two have already been conducted in San Jose and Sacramento.

"With these funds, we have an unprecedented opportunity to improve our flood protection systems and the Delta," said DWR Director Lester Snow. "We will be working in partnership with the public and other government agencies to help ensure that lives, property and our drinking water supplies are protected."

In response to an aging flood system, a growing population, and a changing climate, the state has developed a strategic initiative called Flood Safe California to improve flood protection and public safety. The initiative builds upon the state's ongoing flood management work, especially progress made over the past two years since Governor Schwarzenegger called for levee repairs, improved maintenance, emergency response and sustainable funding.

The public workshops, which will include presentations by DWR staff from several program areas, will provide an overview of the FloodSafe California Initiative and outline near term (FY 2007-08) bond funding availability.

Flood Safe California Public Workshops:

San Diego

Tuesday, February 27 at 2 p.m.
Metro Conference Room
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

Rancho Cucamonga

Wednesday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
10500 Civic Center Drive
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Ventura*

Thursday, March 1 at 2 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Chico*

Monday, March 5 at 2 p.m.
City Council Chambers
421 Main Street
Chico, CA 95928

Clovis

Wednesday, March 7 at 2 p.m.
Memorial Building, Freedom Room
453 Hughes Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612

Stockton

Thursday, March 8 at 2 p.m.
State Building Auditorium
31 East Channel Street
Stockton, CA 95202

*Webcast available

To register or for additional information (including meeting location addresses, agenda, and parking information), please visit FloodSafe California's website at www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov.

You may register for the workshops online or by calling the toll-free registration hotline (800) 858-7743.

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