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**DWR to Host Town Hall Meeting to discuss
Perris Dam Remediation Project**

Meeting co-hosted by Riverside County Board Chairman, Supervisor Marion Ashley

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will host a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the Perris Dam Remediation Project, March 24, in Perris, California.

The event, co-hosted by Riverside County Board Chairman, Supervisor Marion Ashley, will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Perris City Hall, located at 101 North D St. The public is invited.

DWR staff will present the current design and construction plans for the remediation of Perris Dam and will be available to address concerns and answer questions from the audience. Local public officials and representatives from local agencies will also be present to answer questions regarding impacts to the local communities.

In 2005, DWR identified potential seismic safety risks in a section of the foundation of Perris Dam. There is no imminent threat to life or property. However, in the interest of ensuring the maximum public safety for those using and living downstream of the lake, DWR has taken precautions such as lowering the lake's water level. Repairs are estimated to begin in 2011 and Dam completion is expected by 2013. All projects concerning the Perris Dam are anticipated to be complete by 2014.

Lake Perris is located in northern Riverside County, and is the southernmost State Water Project facility and the southern terminus of the East Branch of the California Aqueduct. The Lake Perris State Recreation Area is one of the state's most popular recreation destinations, with an average annual attendance of 1.1 million visitors.

For more information regarding the Perris Dam Remediation Project, visit www.perrisdam.water.ca.gov.