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NWRI White Paper on "Near Sighted" Water Resource Management Improvements Now Available to Download

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. – The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) is pleased to announce that the NWRI White Paper *Water 2010: A "Near Sighted" Program of Water Resource Management Improvements for the Western United States* is available for download at www.nwri-usa.org/e-publications.

Published in November 2007, *Water 2010* was prepared by Dr. William Blomquist, Professor in the Department of Political Science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Blomquist is an expert on water institutions and water policy, particularly in the Western United States.

While a number of long-term water resource management strategies are underway with goals for 2020, 2030, and beyond, *Water 2010* addresses the need for short-term, less costly actions that can be implemented to improve current water supplies in the West and ensure adequate resources for the future, including:

- System inerties and mutual-aid agreements in every watershed and metropolitan area.
- Meeting realistic water conservation targets.
- Promoting uses of recycled water where it is already available.
- Storing more water underground at all feasible sites.
- Water banks in every state.
- Interstate water banks in every interstate river basin.
- Improvements to water rights.
- Adopting and maintaining assured water supply requirements.
- Building the information infrastructure for more effective management.
- Building the organizational infrastructure for more active management.

These 10 steps are intended to enhance - not impede - the success of longer-term projects and programs.

The 28-page White Paper is available by complimentary download. Please visit www.nwri-usa.org/e-publications to download or for more information.

The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) was founded in 1991 by a group of California water agencies in partnership with the Joan Irvine Smith and Athalie R. Clarke Foundation to promote the protection, maintenance, and restoration of water supplies and to protect the freshwater and marine environments through the development of cooperative research work. NWRI's member agencies include Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, and West Basin Municipal Water District.

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