Public comment being accepted on long-term water-supply plan Daily News Article Last Updated: 07/11/2007 09:15:40 PM PDT

Public comment is being accepted until July 31 on a draft regional water plan that addresses long-term issues of water supply and demand in the Antelope Valley.

The Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed after a year of work by various water agencies and government groups.

"Everyone is affected by the decisions we make about water, so we encourage everyone to find out more about the plan," said Adam Ariki, a Los Angeles County Public Works Department assistant deputy director.

A community meeting to provide information on the draft plan and to gather public input will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Rosamond Community Services District office, 3179 35th St. W. A meeting was held earlier in Palmdale.

The water plan contains long-range goals of increasing water supply, improving water quality, protecting the environment, increasing open space and habitat, enhancing flood control, and encouraging land-use planning.

The plan also provides a road map to achieve those goals and specific projects designed to bridge the gap between expected water demand and supply between now and 2035. Printed and CD copies of the water plan are available at:

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's field office, 1113 W. Ave. M-4, Suite A, Palmdale.

Palmdale City Hall, 38300 Sierra Highway.

Lancaster City Hall, 44933 N. Fern Ave.

Rosamond Community Services District, 3179 35th St. W.

Palmdale Water District, 2029 E. Ave. Q.

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, 260 E. Ave. K-8, Lancaster.

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department, 335A E. Ave. K-6, Lancaster.

County Sanitation Districts, 1865 W. Ave. D, Lancaster.

Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, 35141 87th St. E.

Kern County Planning Department, 2700 M St., Bakersfield.

Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, 44811 N. Date Ave., Suite G, Lancaster.

Printed copies can also be obtained through the water plan Web site at: avwaterplan.org or by calling (626) 300-4693.

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