



# MOKELUMNE RIVER WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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## **STATE WATER BOARD WITHDRAWS ORDER CANCELLING COUNTY'S MOKELUMNE RIVER WATER RIGHT FILING**

On Tuesday, May 29, 2007, San Joaquin County officials received formal notification from the State Water Resources Control Board that it had withdrawn its order from earlier this year that cancelled an important water right filing on the Mokelumne River. In the State Board's notification to the County, it explained that this change was made largely based on information provided to the State showing the Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority, an agency comprised of San Joaquin County and the Flood Control & Water Conservation District, had made substantial progress toward completing the project and that there was good cause to allow additional time for the Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority to complete the required studies involved with developing the MORE WATER Project. The MORE WATER Project may ultimately include construction and operation of a new 150,000 acre-foot capacity reservoir on Duck Creek in the northeastern part of the County.

The principle goal of the Duck Creek Reservoir is to capture flood flows and regulate water supply for groundwater recharge of the over-drafted groundwater basin in eastern San Joaquin County. The MORE WATER Project would provide a more reliable water supply

which is essential to sustaining local agricultural production valued at over \$1.75 billion and for the continued viability of our communities.

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