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**Zone 7 Water Agency Extends Stream Management Master Plan
Public Comment Period**
Public Has Until May 8, 2006 to Submit Comments to Agency

Zones 7 invites the public and other interested parties to review its Stream Management Master Plan and associated environmental impact report and submit comments to the agency for consideration. To provide the public additional time to review these documents, Zone 7 extended the comment period one week until May 8, 2006. Both documents can be found on Zone 7's website by visiting www.zone7water.com, or by contacting the agency directly at (925) 454-5000.

The SMMP is a major overhaul of the agency's Flood Control Master Plan, which has been in place since 1966. The new and improved plan identifies 45 projects anticipated through Valley build-out in 2035 to help Zone 7 protect communities in the Livermore-Amador Valley against 100-year storm events. The projects also provide additional opportunities for water quality, water supply, habitat restoration, and recreational benefits to the community. The SMMP is a new approach to flood control that emphasizes the interrelationships between flood protection, adequate water supply, healthy habitats for plants and animals, and recreation.

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Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. A seven-member board of directors governs Zone 7. Along with flood control, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of more than 183,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.