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***BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE PRESENTED WITH PRELIMINARY REPORT ON  
DOS RIOS WATER PROJECT***

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will be presented with a preliminary feasibility report on the proposed Dos Rios Water Project at their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Roland Sanford, Water Agency Director, will present the preliminary report, which will discuss the proposed project's engineering, legal and financial challenges.

Third District Supervisor John Pinches said, "Mendocino County is thirsty, especially with the County facing a potential drought and water delivery reductions through the Potter Valley Project. We need to do something to develop more domestic water in Mendocino County. I want people to come out and hear this preliminary report, ask questions, and make comments."

The proposed water project would divert high winter Eel River flows from a point near Dos Rios by pumping water through a collector installed in alluvial gravel beside the river. The water after being conveyed in a pipeline constructed south to the Willits and Ukiah Areas, would then be stored in existing reservoirs, or in newly developed off-stream reservoirs, until the water is needed in the summer months. There is also a possibility that water may be able to be transferred to the Fort Bragg area. It is projected that the proposed project would divert less than 2% of the Eel River's winter high flow. Water would be not pumped from the Eel River in the dry summer months.

"What we're talking about is pumping a very small portion of the Eel River's high winter volume so that it may be stored or banked in reservoirs until we need it in the summertime. Otherwise, this water simply washes into the ocean," stated Supervisor Pinches.

The Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Mendocino County Water Agency, is expected to hear the Dos Rios Project Preliminary Feasibility Report Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 1:30 p.m., at 501 Low Gap Road in Board Chambers.

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