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## **Joe Dion Re-Elected Chair of Regional Water Authority** *Citrus Heights Water Official Will Lead Regional Efforts in 2008*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Joseph Dion, a member of the Citrus Heights Water District Board of Directors, has been re-elected as chair of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors for 2008. Paul Selsky, a member of the Carmichael Water District Board of Directors, has been elected vice chair.

Dion, who has served on the RWA Board since its inception in 2001, has been a director of Citrus Heights Water District since 2000. He served as the Authority's vice chair in 2006 and was elected chair in 2007.

At RWA, Dion will continue guiding efforts to better coordinate water supply planning in the region through implementation of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Adopted in 2006, the plan will increase water supply reliability, improve water quality and help protect the lower American River and lower Cosumnes River watersheds.

“We have made significant headway as a region in addressing the future reliability of our water supplies while protecting the environment,” Dion said. “Our success in developing an integrated regional water plan and securing grant funds to help implement it have put us on a progressive course that will benefit local water customers for years to come.”

RWA and the Freeport Regional Water Authority have been awarded a \$25 million state grant from Proposition 50 of 2002 to fund key elements of the plan, including a suite of 14

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infrastructure projects such as groundwater wells, surface water pipelines, water treatment plants and water recycling facilities.

Selsky, who will serve as RWA's vice chair for 2008, has been a member of the Carmichael board since 1996. He has been a member of the RWA Board since 2001.

In addition to Dion and Selsky, the following local water leaders have been elected to the 2008 RWA Executive Committee: Gray Allen, Placer County Water Agency; Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Shauna Lorance, San Juan Water District; Derrick Whitehead, City of Roseville; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Ken Payne, City of Folsom; and Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District.

RWA is a joint powers authority representing 22 water providers in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

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