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PRESS RELEASE

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**Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Fluoridation Plan,
Corona scheduled to begin receiving fluoridated water supplies
from MWD, December 3, 2007**

As a member agency of Western, the City of Corona Department of Water and Power receives imported water from Metropolitan for blending with its groundwater supply prior to delivery to homes and businesses. Currently, Corona's groundwater supply has naturally occurring fluoride that averages less than the fluoride levels Metropolitan will provide. The blending of these two water sources, along with other imported water from the Colorado River also blended with the groundwater, will have the effect of slightly diluting the level of fluoride provided by Metropolitan and slightly increasing the level of fluoride otherwise present in Corona's groundwater supply.

Metropolitan's fluoridation implementation plan includes supplying treated drinking water with the "optimal" range of fluoride, as determined under regulations issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Department of Public Health regulations now set the optimal range at 0.7 to 0.8 parts per million. To help ensure consistent levels, Metropolitan's implementation plan includes an advanced feed control system, with 24-hour monitoring.

Metropolitan will use fluorosilicic acid as its fluoridating agent. Its implementation plan requires that the fluorosilicic acid be certified as meeting the specifications of American National Standard Institute/National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60, ANSI/NSF60 ("Standard 60"). This means that while the fluorosilicic acid may contain trace amounts of arsenic and/or other contaminants, the levels will be certified as being within the permissible levels established under Standard 60.

Corona water customers receive a blend of imported water and groundwater with only naturally occurring levels of fluoride. After blending the fluoridated Metropolitan water with Corona's groundwater, the fluoride levels generally will be at or below 0.5 parts per million.

Drinking fluoridated water on a regular basis makes the use of fluoride tablets or drops unnecessary. **However, please consult your prescribing physician or dental health provider regarding the use of fluoride supplements.** Parents and caregivers should consult their pediatrician, family physician, or dentist on the most appropriate water to use in their area to reconstitute infant formula. Since some children may have special medical needs, ask your pediatrician or physician whether fluoridated water should be used in the makeup of baby formula or whether your children should be taking fluoride supplements, drops or tablets.

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For further information, contact the City of Corona Water Operations Division at (951) 736-2478.

You may also contact:

- **The American Dental Association**
www.ada.org/public/topics/fluoride/index.asp
- **California Department of Health Services (Dept. of Public Health)**
www.dhs.ca.gov
- **The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**
(800) 354-4420
www.mwdh2o.com/fluoridation/index.html
- **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
(800) 311-3435
www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/index.htm