

Permanent Injunction Issued Against California "Water Witch"

From the CA Department of Consumer Affairs

The California Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (BGG) recently won a permanent injunction against a San Diego County man who had been illegally advising consumers in Southern California on where to drill for water.

Anthony Jamarillo, a self-described "water witch," has been under a temporary restraining order since Nov. 19, 2003, when a San Diego County Superior Court Judge found consumers could be at risk if Jamarillo continued his activities. In California, only state-licensed professionals can provide geological and geophysical services to consumers.

Jamarillo has been the subject of five complaints to the BGG: two from consumers, as well as complaints from a licensed geophysicist and from San Bernadino and San Diego counties. Reacting to these complaints, the board cited Jamarillo in January 2003 for practicing geology and geophysics without a license and fined him \$2,500. The board also ordered him to cease his activities.

When Jamarillo appealed the board's ruling, the board asked the California Attorney's General's Office to seek the restraining order while the case was settled. On June 7, an Administrative Law Judge rejected Jamarillo's appeal and ordered him to pay the fine. The case that led to the board's citation was one in which Jamarillo advised a consumer on where to drill a well in Anya, California.

The BGG, which is part of the California Department of Consumer Affairs, works to enhance the quality, significance, and availability of geological and geophysical services to the people of California through licensing and enforcement.

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New Appointments to California DWR

On Aug. 8, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced new appointments to the California Department of Water Resources.

P. Joseph Grindstaff, of Yucaipa, was appointed chief deputy director. He served as general manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority since 1998 and was previously general manager of the Monte Vista Water District from 1994 to 1998. Grindstaff told the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* that in his new position he will help oversee such issues as California's tightening of its overuse of the Colorado River and restoration of the Salton Sea.

Peter S. Garris, of Orangevale, was appointed deputy director and chief of the California Energy Resources Scheduling Division (CERS). He held the position of deputy director since 2002 and has served as chief of CERS since 2001.

Gerald E. Johns, of Sacramento, was appointed deputy director of water resources and planning. He has been acting deputy director for statewide programs since January 2004, and previously served as chief of the water transfers office from 2001 to 2004.

Nancy J. Saracino, of Sacramento, was appointed chief counsel of the department. She served as a supervising deputy attorney general at the California Department of Justice since 2002.

The California Department of Water Resources forecasts future water needs, evaluates and inventories existing water supplies, and explores conservation and storage options to meet the needs of the state's growing population. The department has a budget of \$419 million with approximately 2,500 employees, and is under the aegis of the California Resources Agency.

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Salton Sea Authority Directorship Changes Hands

From the Salton Sea Authority Restoration Update, June 2004

The position of executive director of the Salton Sea Authority recently changed from Tom Kirk, the first full-time director of the agency, to Ron Enzweiler, an environmental engineering consultant. Kirk left the position he had held since 1997 to join an urban planning firm. Enzweiler assumed the directorship in October, having left his former position as principal and owner of Watertech Parters, an environmental engineering and consulting firm in northern California.

Kirk is credited with developing the authority from a bare-bones operation with no staff or office and a \$50,000 per year budget to the most visible guardian of the sea. He, along with the authority's board, seaside locals, and supporters from the environmental community, spent months pressing to include the Salton Sea in a multibillion-dollar deal to divert Imperial Valley irrigation water to San Diego and the Coachella Valley. The effort netted a commitment by the state to set aside \$300 million for the Sea as part of the pact. Kirk said the inclusion of the Sea in the 2003 deal to transfer Colorado River water from farms to cities leaves future caretakers on firmer ground from which to fight for the lake's future.

After the water deal was approved, Kirk encouraged the Authority board to consider a restoration plan that would use money from the agreement to manage shrinking inflows as a result of the diversions. On April 22, 2004, the board unanimously endorsed the plan, which aims to shrink the Sea into a higher quality lake. This landmark decision was the first endorsed at any level of government despite decades of studies on the Sea. It has led to drafts of a plan estimated to cost \$750 million to enact. The state of California also is considering plans of its own as it sees itself as the potential leader of Salton Sea restoration efforts.

At his former company, Enzweiler most recently worked on the San Francisco Bay Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program, focusing on resolving the agricultural drainage problems of farms in the San Joaquin Valley. That program is similar to the restoration effort envisioned for the Salton Sea: in both cases, high salinity levels, water quality degradation, and habitat impairment caused by agriculture drainage must be addressed. Both situations also involve coordination of work and consensus building among local, state, and federal agencies.

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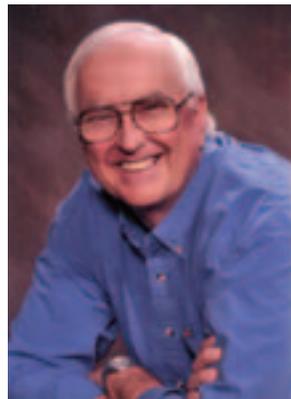
Sacramento Area Hires New Flood Control Director

Stein Buer has been hired away from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to become the new executive director of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, reported *The Sacramento Bee* on June 17. Buer is an engineer who, according to the article, "made headlines last year when he revealed how budget cuts were hurting the state's flood-control system." Last fall, Buer prepared a 110-page report detailing how the previous four years of budget cuts had "hurt levee repairs, flood forecasting, emergency response and maintenance of key flood-control structures" across the state, wrote *The Bee*, and as a result, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger stemmed further cuts to DWR's flood control budget. Buer worked for DWR since 1981.

At SAFCA, Buer will immediately focus on upgrading Sacramento's levees, the modification of Folsom Dam, and regional flood control projects in Yuba and Yolo counties, said the newspaper. He filled the position occupied for the past 11 years by Butch Hodgkins, who is retiring but plans to consult for SAFCA part-time. SAFCA has a staff of 12 and an annual budget of about \$29 million, according to *The Bee*.

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New Manager for Arizona's Pinal AMA



Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Director Herb Guenther announced in May the appointment of Randy Edmond

as area manager for the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA), which covers about 4,000 square miles in central Arizona between Phoenix and Tucson. Edmond will succeed Dennis Kimberlin, who recently accepted another assignment at ADWR's Phoenix office. Prior to this appointment, Edmond was the unit supervisor at the Pinal AMA. He joined ADWR in 1981 and was one of the earliest employees of the agency, created in 1980 with the passage of the Arizona Groundwater Management Act.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges of managing the Pinal AMA at a time when we are seeing the character of the area change from almost entirely an agricultural region to one with growing residential and industrial components," Edmond said.

The Pinal AMA manages regional water resources to ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply to efficiently meet current and future water uses, while protecting the environment and economy.

Visit www.water.az.gov/WaterManagement/Content/AMAs/PinalAMA/.

DePonty Joins AMEC in Phoenix

Jersy DePonty, R.G., recently joined AMEC Earth & Environmental in Phoenix as a project geologist. He has seven years of hydrogeology experience gained from public water supply projects and the private sector. His expertise includes



technical oversight and project management of water supply well installation and design, groundwater exploration drilling, recharge

feasibility assessments, and hydrogeologic analyses such as aquifer testing and alluvial basin conceptual modeling. He was previously with Brown and Caldwell in Phoenix, and prior to that worked at the ASARCO Ray Mine in Hayden.

AMEC Earth and Environmental provides environmental, geotechnical, water resources, and materials engineering services from more than 90 offices in North America.

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Kroopnick Joins Arcadis G&M

Dr. Peter Kroopnick, R.G., recently joined ARCADIS G&M in their South Phoenix office as a senior scientist in the company's site evaluation and remediation practice. Kroopnick is a geochemist and hydrogeologist specializing in the application of fate and transport models to the design of soil and groundwater remediation systems. His recent experience includes conducting assured water supply studies and work on behalf of potentially responsible parties at hazardous waste sites. Kroopnick eventually hopes to further expand his practice into the ARCADIS Guaranteed Remediation Program (GRiP), in which, for a fixed price, the company commits to perform any remediation necessary for clients to achieve regulatory closure for the site, including known and unknown contamination. He came to ARCADIS from Brown and Caldwell in Phoenix.

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