



UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **WATER SUPPLY COSTS IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WILL NOT INCREASE FOR 2008**

**El Monte** – The greatest certainty of this uncertain economic climate is our increasing cost of living. Whether it is the price of utilities, food, rent or gasoline, today’s prices are more than likely much higher than they were just a year ago. However, for 2008, the price of water to our area supplied by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will not increase.

“In spite of recent increases in our cost of doing business, the Upper District is able to maintain its low rates by drawing on reserves built over the last five years,” said Upper District Board President, Leon M. N. Garcia. “The Board and staff have managed our resources in such a way as to cover our operating cost, meet our water demands and still provide Valley residents some relief from higher prices.”

The Upper District is able to hold the line on price increases by its use of a rate stabilization fund established by the Board several years ago. The cash reserves of the fund allow the Board to address rising operating costs without increases in water rates.

“Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our staff and the great progress we have made in water conservation and recycling, the Upper District has improved our region’s water supply reliability while keeping costs in check,” explained Frank F. Forbes, Board Vice President. “By operating efficiently, we can keep our rates down and assist the many families in the Valley that are struggling to meet basic living expenses.”

The Upper District provides wholesale water service to 17 cities and 22 retail water utilities in the San Gabriel Valley. Nearly one million people live and work in the Upper District’s 144 square mile service area. Annually, demand for treated, untreated and recycled water in the Upper District service area averages more than 78 billion gallons.

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