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#### City of Sonora Joins Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP

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The City of Sonora, Monday, August 18, 2008, unanimously voted to join an alliance with Tuolumne Utilities District to become a member of the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Program (IRWMP) for the Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers. “This is an exciting step and shows the trust of the City Council to join in this partnership to look at future water management in the region,” stated Pete Kampa, General Manager for Tuolumne Utilities District. IRWMP looks at water issues within the state and how they are related to the region and the best way to prioritize local water related projects.

Formed in 2004, IRWMP’s have been created in California to identify regional projects and partnerships that will help the region best meet its future water needs. Groups involved with the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP chapter include the Sierra Club, Tuolumne County Farm Bureau, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, Tuolumne County, Groveland and Twain Harte Community Service Districts.

“The more attention we can receive to water related concerns, the better. Having the City Council on board with IRWMP, will give them a better understanding of water issues facing the region,” said Kampa. Some of the projects IRWMP is reviewing include Phoenix Lake protection and improvements, water rights being challenged by other areas, looking at the reclaimed water system and the ditch system overall.

The Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Board meeting room at Tuolumne Utilities offices located on Nugget Blvd. in Sonora.