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City of Canyon Lake Hosts 2009 Water Summit

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CANYON LAKE, CA – Residents of Canyon Lake don't have to look far to see what role water plays in their lives. With nearly 15 miles of shoreline, the 383-acre lake is a constant reminder of just how important resource water is.

As the state suffers through a third year of drought and edges closer to mandatory water rationing, the City of Canyon Lake is taking steps to make sure its residents are prepared for what lies ahead.

On May 30, the city will host the first ever Water Summit in City Hall at 31516 Railroad Canyon Road from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission is free.

"With tiered water rates likely this summer, we all need to be paying more attention to water conservation measures and what we can do to cut use," said Lori Moss, Canyon Lake city manager. "Despite the recent rains, we face our third consecutive year of drought."

The half-day event at City hall will include booths hosted by vendors such as Home Depot and Toro Irrigation, music, giveaways and information on water sensitive irrigation controls, drought tolerant landscaping, how National Pollution Discharge Standards affect Canyon Lake residents, the Riverside County Flood Control District and Lake Elsinore San Jacinto Watersheds Authority .

Other agencies involved in the summit include the two water agencies that serve the city: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and Eastern Municipal Water District.

Applications for free booth space and seminar openings are available for the summit. For more information contact Carol Bivens at: cbivens@cityofcanyonlake.com

The history of water runs deep in City of Canyon Lake, which is named after the lake it surrounds, which is also known as Railroad Canyon Reservoir. The reservoir, created in 1928 with the construction of the Railroad Canyon Dam, has a storage capacity of 11,900 acre-feet and is owned and operated by the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District.

The reservoir is supplied by storm water runoff from the San Jacinto River and Salt Creek. Water from the reservoir feeds the Canyon Lake Water Treatment Plant, which provides approximately 10 percent of the domestic water supply in the Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake area

All of the homeowners can access the lake for recreational uses. Personal watercraft such as Jet Skis, are prohibited. However, ski-boats, fishing boats, row boats, paddle boats, sailboats and kayaks as well as wake-boarding and water-skiing are allowed.

For more information about the 2009 Water Summit and the City of Canyon Lake call (951) 244-2955 or go to: <http://www.cityofcanyonlake.com>