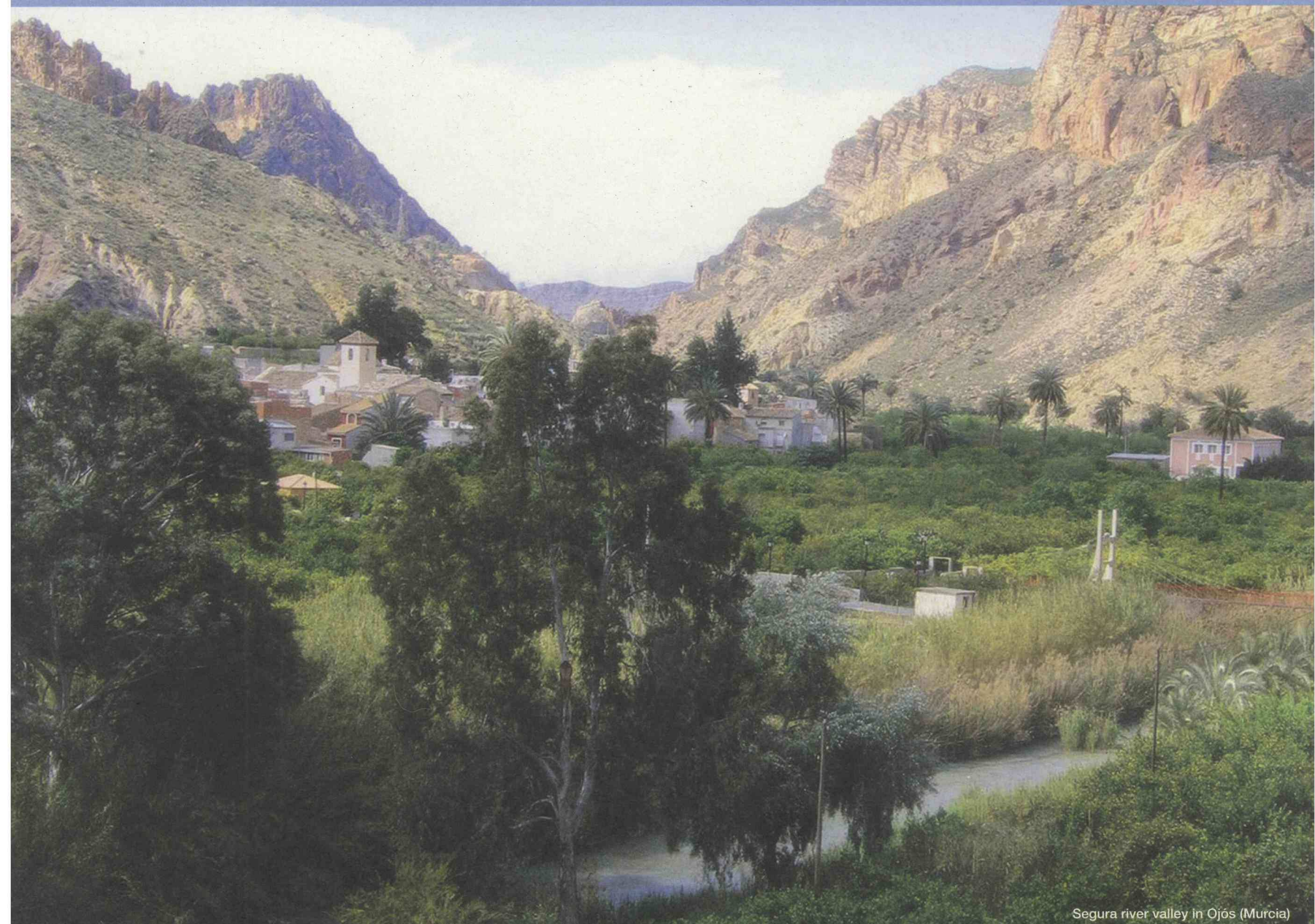




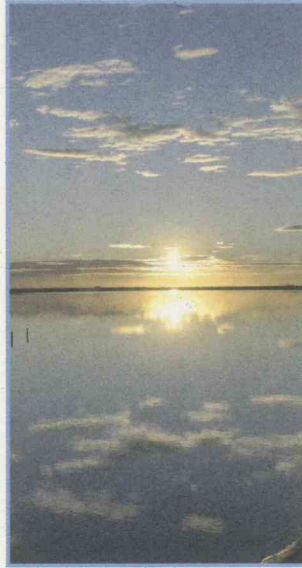
**SEGURA
WATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN**
Active participation

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WHAT IS THE SEGURA RIVER BASIN DISTRICT?

The Segura River Basin District is a new concept introduced by virtue of European legislation on waters to define the scope of action of the River Basin Management Plan. Initially, it includes the basins of the various rivers that make up the Segura basin as we know and its coastal waters. It is located in four regions: the Region of Murcia (almost entirely) and part of the regions of Andalusia (provinces of Jaén, Granada and Almería), Castilla-La Mancha (province of Albacete) and Valencia (province of Alicante).



Sunshine in the Mar Menor

WHY DO WE NEED THE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS?

The planning process is the basis of the actions and investments to be made in the Segura River Basin District up to the year 2015 to achieve the appropriate status of the water bodies.

The current plan dates from the year 1998 and current legislation requires its review through a water management planning process that is to be repeated every six years.

Owing to the importance of the new management plan, the Segura River Basin Authority and the other competent government bodies consider it essential to make a commitment to carry out this planning process on the basis of the opinions of and contributions made by all the stakeholders and the general public. This public participation is fostered through a variety of tools, such as the publication of information, public consultation and active participation.



Source of the Mundo river (Riopar, Albacete)

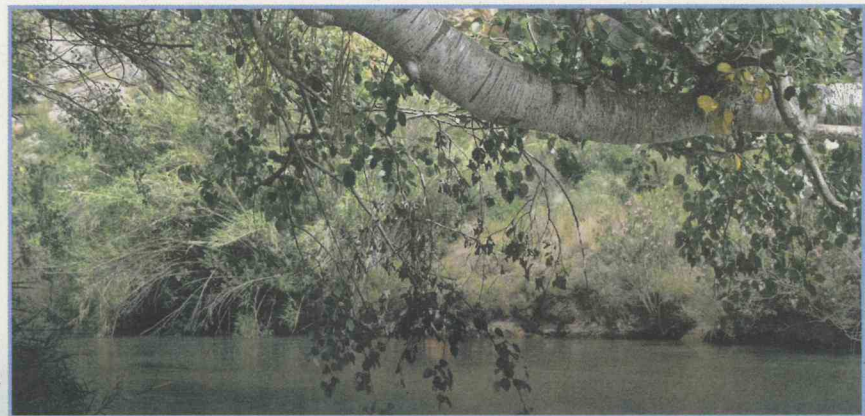
IS IT USEFUL THAT WE ALL TAKE PART?

Of course it does. It is a process that affects everyone and the plan's success will depend on our collaboration as citizens and our capacity for reaching agreements. Therefore, we all have the right to speak.

The water management plan is being drawn up to ensure sustainable development in water management as required by our legislation, whose aims are to prevent the deterioration and improve the condition of the ecosystems and aquatic environment, to promote the sustainable use of water, to ensure the gradual reduction of water contamination and apply an environmental focus and efficient management to contribute to mitigating the effects of floods and droughts, as well as guarantee demand as required.

The aims of the public participation process are as follows:

- To identify and inform all stakeholders.
- To hear the opinions of and receive proposals from stakeholders on the various social, economic and environmental issues in order to promote discussion among all the said stakeholders and ensure consideration of the plan documents.
- To take decisions from a standpoint of consensus.



Riparian vegetation at the Segura river (Calasparra, Murcia)

PHASES OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

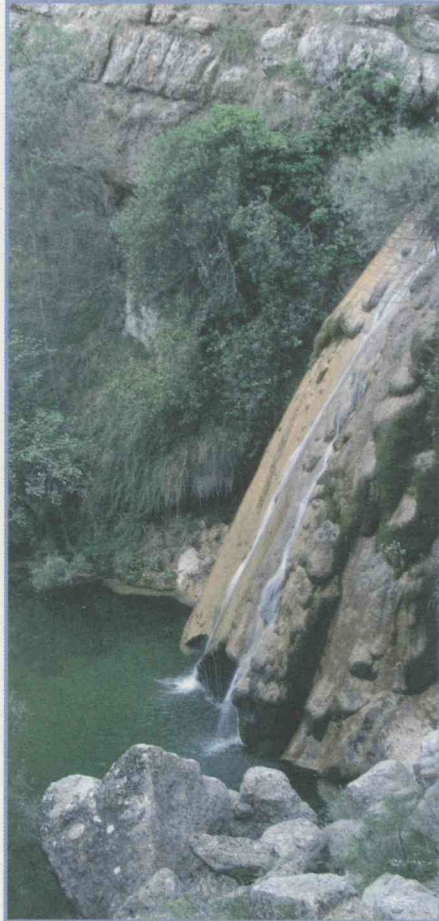
The main phases of the public consultation process are as follows:

1. Public consultation of the initial documents (completed in the year 2007).
2. Public consultation of the Provisional List of Important Subjects (from 31 July 2008 to 31 January 2009).
3. Public consultation of the Draft Version of the River Basin Management Plan and the Environmental Sustainability Report (during the first half of 2009).
4. Approval of the River Basin Management Plan.

THE LIST OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

This document describes the following:

- The main environmental impacts and pressures to be dealt with in the River Basin Management Plan, including a list of the economic sectors and activities that may involve risks for sustainable development in water management.
- The possible alternative actions for fulfilling the objectives laid down in the plan.
- The sectors and groups affected by the set of measures that are proposed.



Saltador waterfall in Andrés stream (Siles. Albacete)

After the corresponding public consultation, the List of Important Subjects will be sent to the Segura Water Council for the corresponding mandatory report.

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THE WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS CONTINUES

Together with the preliminary planning process documents, the List of Important Subjects will be used as a base for drawing up the River Basin Management Plan and the corresponding set of measures. This project will also be submitted to public consultation for six months in 2009, together with the Environmental Sustainability Report.

When it has been approved by the Committee of Competent Authorities, the River Basin Management Plan proposal will be sent to the government for approval through the Ministry of the Environment and the Rural and Marine Environments. Once the plan has been approved, it shall come into effect and the corresponding set of measures shall be implemented with a view to fulfilling objectives by 2015 or, exceptionally, by 2021 or 2027.

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NOW IT'S YOUR TURN:
YOU CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREPARATION OF THE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS DOCUMENTS.

HOW CAN YOU TAKE PART?

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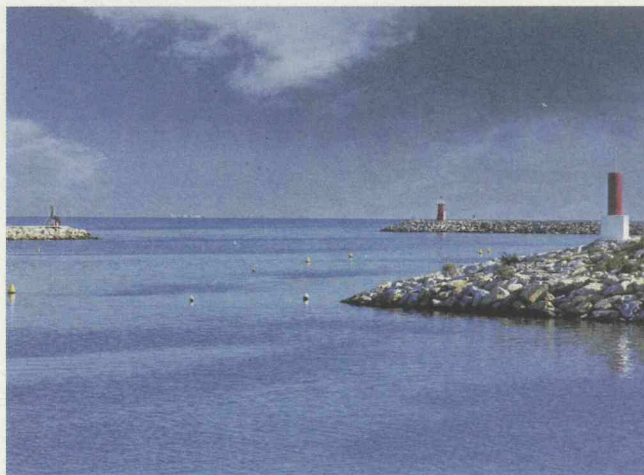
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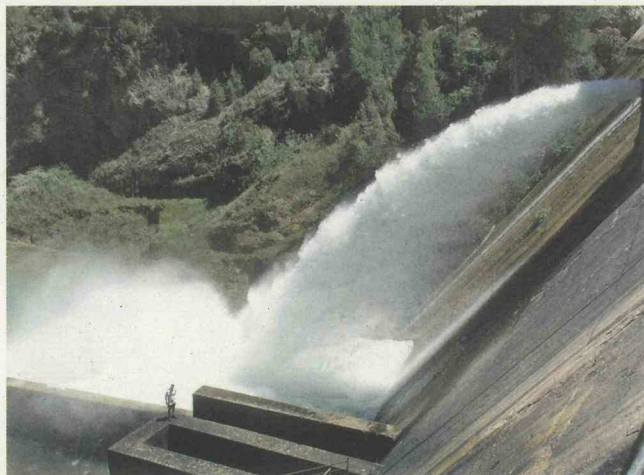
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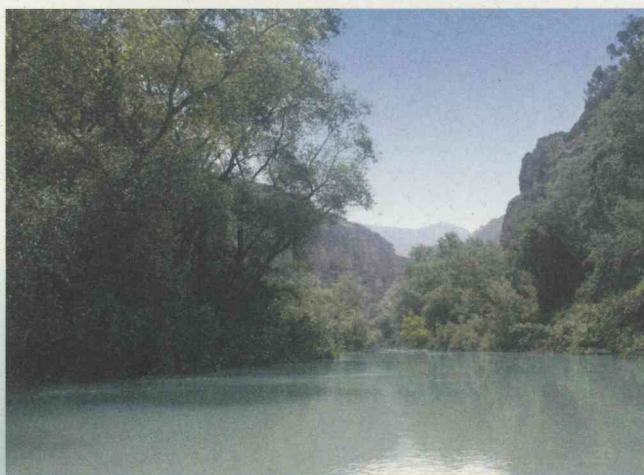




Segura River mouth in Guardamar (Alicante)



La Fuensanta dam in Yeste (Albacete)



Segura river near La Muliata dam in Calasparra (Murcia)

Our rivers and our basin need us all.

The Segura River Basin Authority has launched its management planning process: a process in which you have a lot to say and which will lead to specific measures for improving and guaranteeing the future of our basin.

MAKE SURE YOU TAKE PART!

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