

East Valley Water District Offers Public Tour

District shows people how water is safely collected, treated and distributed

Highland, Calif., (October 11, 2010) – The East Valley Water District (EVWD) will host the public for a briefing and tour of the facilities on Friday, October 29. Those interested are invited to see first-hand how drinking water is collected, processed and distributed.

This insider's look at the pumps, tanks and treatment facility is seldom seen by anyone other than water district employees. Along with the tour, visitors will get a full, first hand explanation of how the district provides water and sewer service to Highland and east San Bernardino.

“ It's important that the general public have a chance to see what we do here, and also where much of the work is done,” says Robert E. Martin, EVWD General Manager. “The opportunity is to create a greater understand of how we provide a reliable, steady, and safe drinking water supply, as well as the process for treating waste-water. The more the public sees us in action, the more they will realize we are a partner in keeping families safe, and making sure our community has the best water supply available.”

EVWD currently serves about 65,000 people with clean, reliable water, which is mostly sourced from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin as well as from the Santa Ana River, originating from snow-melt and springs in the San Bernardino Mountains. EVWD provides its customers with about 19 million gallons of water each day, and with as much as 36 million gallons per day during peak usage periods.

The public tour that shows how this water reaches individual taps is free, but reservations are required. The tour begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until about 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Please call (909) 885-4900, or visit www.eastvalley.org for full details about the tour.

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East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 to provide domestic water service to the unincorporated and agricultural-based communities of Highland and East Highlands. Today EVWD provides water and sewer collection services to about 68,000 people in western San Bernardino County. EVWD operates under the direction of a 5-member elected Board. The Mission of East Valley Water District is to provide its customers with a safe and reliable water supply that is delivered at a fair and cost-effective price. More information is available at www.eastvalley.org.