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## PROTECTING PRECIOUS WATER SUPPLIES

### *East Valley Water District's Primary Goal is to Protect Public Health and Safety*

**Highland, Calif., (January 20, 2016)** – East Valley Water District (District) regularly monitors water systems for the health and safety of the community. Recent emergencies taking place throughout the Country have increased the interest in the steps taken to maintain water quality. The District has an extensive monitoring program in place that includes collecting over 3,200 water samples and flushing 680 fire hydrants, which has resulted in the District meeting all State and Federal requirements.

“The safety and quality of our water supply is the highest priority for East Valley Water District,” said Board Chairman Ron Coats. “District staff regularly samples our water to ensure that we comply with state and federal regulations.”

In 2015, East Valley Water District conducted regularly scheduled lead samples which were found to be non-detectable. State and Federal standards require water providers like East Valley Water District to sample for hundreds of different items, including lead and copper. The Lead and Copper Rule is a federally monitored program that requires the District to collect water samples from residential faucets every three years and report the highest concentration samples to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water. Water that contains more than 15 parts per billion of lead requires action on the part of the water agency. To put this in perspective, one parts per billion is equivalent to one second in 31 years.

“The residents served by East Valley Water District should feel confident in the quality of water served in our community,” said John Mura General Manager/CEO. “This sampling program along with our hydrant flushing program are examples of the great lengths that trained District staff go to in order to maintain a safe drinking water system.”

In an effort to provide the community with information regarding water quality, the District produces a Consumer Confidence Report each year. This document provides customers an opportunity to access information about drinking water quality and includes information on where their water comes from, water sampling results, compliance with drinking water rules, and informational material. To view the most recent Consumer Confidence Report, visit [www.eastvalley.org/ccr](http://www.eastvalley.org/ccr). Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps to take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead). For more information about water quality in the District, please call (909) 806-4222 or visit [www.eastvalley.org/waterquality](http://www.eastvalley.org/waterquality).

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*East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 and provides water and wastewater services to 101,733 residents within the City of Highland and portions of both the City and County of San Bernardino. EVWD operates under the direction of a 5-member elected Board. More information is available at [www.eastvalley.org](http://www.eastvalley.org).*