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### **EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT DECLARES LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY** *Temporarily Increasing Customers Tier 1 Budget Allocation*

**Highland, Calif., (March 30, 2020)** - At the regularly scheduled March 25, 2020 East Valley Water District (District) Board meeting the Governing Board adopted Resolution 2020.05 and Ordinance 366 declaring a local state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Along with these efforts, the Governing Board unanimously approved a temporary twenty- five percent increase for household's Tier 1 (indoor) budget which will take effect on April 1. Chairman David Smith stated, "We know that our customers are spending more time at home and we want to consider their increased water needs." Smith added, "Health and safety is our top priority. We encourage everyone to do their part by staying home, increasing hand washing, and practice physical distancing."

The proclamation of a local emergency does not signify an increased risk to customer of the District. The proclamation of a local emergency allows the General Manager/CEO, John Mura, additional flexibility to make critical operational changes; acquire resources; manage essential staff, provide or receive mutual aid from other jurisdictions and assist in securing State and Federal Disaster funds.

General Manager/CEO John Mura stated, "Our employees are working around the clock to ensure that customers are informed, essential services are continued, and vulnerable customers are protected." Mura added, "We are adapting our policies and procedures to meet the changing needs of our community to ensure that all customers maintain access to water during the Coronavirus emergency."

Visit [www.eastvalley.org](http://www.eastvalley.org) for further information on the Districts efforts, which will be regularly updated. For additional information about the COVID-19, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

*East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 and provides water and wastewater services to over 103,000 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).*

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