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East Valley Water District Partners with Balfour Beatty to Construct New Headquarters

Highland, Calif., (September 28, 2012) – The future East Valley Water District headquarters project took another step forward with the selection of Balfour Beatty to provide design-build-finance services and begin developing facility concepts and designs. The Board of Directors approved continuing on the path laid by the Strategic Initiatives to construct a facility on Greenspot Road at the September 26, 2012 regular meeting.

“East Valley Water District has been working toward building a single headquarters facility to more efficiently provide water and sewer services to our customers for many years,” commented Board President Matt LeVesque. “Effective public service requires preparing for the future and looking ahead at the needs of the community we serve, and we have done just that by advancing this project.”

In an effort to remain within the timeline to have operations up and running by April 30, 2014, East Valley Water District selected to use the design-build-finance method of contracting. This construction method allows for Balfour Beatty to work with a team of professionals including Parsons Brinkerhoff and Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke for the design phase and a variety of sub-contractors through construction completion. This company recognizes the importance of utilizing local work forces and will invite local sub-contractors to bid on the various phases throughout the project.

An added benefit of this method is that once final design work is completed and approved by the Board of Directors, a guaranteed maximum price will be established prior to starting construction. This method is designed to prevent final costs from exceeding estimates while also receiving the benefits of costs savings should any occur.

“The design-build-finance method truly does provide the assurance of a guaranteed maximum price to build an efficient facility that will meet our needs for years to come,” said General Manager John Mura. “Once completed, this facility will serve as a local hub for environmental education and conservation efforts for this community.”

Currently East Valley Water District operates out of three different locations with over \$200,000 per year in rent payments and utilities. The new Greenspot headquarters will consolidate these locations, address unmet needs, provide for future opportunities and increase the District’s ability to engage the community in outreach efforts including water conservation.

The next major milestone in this project will take place at the October 10, 2012, Board of Directors meeting, with the establishment of a timeline for key milestones and initial discussions of possible design elements. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Board of Director meetings at 5:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. While the design process is underway, Balfour Beatty along with District staff will be working to receive necessary environmental permits and development approvals from the City of Highland. The District will be seeking community input and suggestions throughout the project timeline. For more information about this project, call (909) 889-9501 or visit www.eastvalley.org.

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