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## EVWD Honors First Employee of the Year

Highland, Calif., (January 29, 2013) – Since 1954, when the citrus growers joined together to form East Valley Water District, the District has been a constant member of this community. In order to keep the pipes running smoothly, there have been hundreds of men and women working diligently behind the scenes. In an effort to recognize shining employees, East Valley Water District recently recognized its first Employee of the Year, Jon Peel.

“Over the last year that I have worked for the District, I have seen Jon setting the example of a team player that is willing to put in long hours and hard work for our customers,” said General Manager/CEO John Mura. “Much of what we do to ensure that both the water and sewer system continue working properly goes unseen by a majority of our customers. Whether it is fixing a leak in the middle of the night or performing preventative maintenance, we are keeping an eye on our system 24/7. We are very fortunate to have so many outstanding employees at East Valley Water District, and I am proud to have Jon Peel as our first Employee of the Year.”

Jon has worked for East Valley Water District for the last 6 years as a Water Service Worker. As part of his regular duties, Jon is part of an 18 person team that responds to water and sewer leaks, replaces fire hydrants, and performs system flushing to ensure that East Valley Water District customers receive quality water each time they turn on the tap.

“I have worked with Jon for over six years, and every day he shows up ready to work, and ready to work hard,” said Rick Becerra, Field Supervisor. “There has been more than one time when he has been waste deep in water working with the rest of the crew at all hours of the night, doing what he can to fix a problem and help our customers.”

When he is not at work Jon loves spending time with Trish, his wife of 10 years, and their two children Owen and Kelsey. In his spare time, Jon enjoys working on special projects, where he builds, barbers, and trades mechanical creations of all kinds.

EVWD provides water and sewer collection services to about 70,000 people in the cities of Highland and San Bernardino. For more information about EVWD, call (909) 889-9501.

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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 70,000 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](http://www.eastvalley.org).