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## **EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT CONTINUES WITH HEADQUARTER CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION**

**Highland, Calif., (June 13, 2013)** – At the June 12 Board Meeting the East Valley Water District Governing Board unanimously approved the \$17.4 million Headquarters Campus Guaranteed Maximum Price, or GMP, with design-build firm Balfour Beatty. This agreement allows for the 24 individual construction firms to join the Headquarters Campus team and keep the project moving forward.

“We have been taking steps toward this decision for almost two years, and now Balfour Beatty and their team have what they need to construct a new facility over the next nine months,” said Board President Matt LeVesque, “With construction prices still at record lows and a workforce looking for projects like this, now is the perfect time to move forward with this milestone in EVWD history.”

After local promotion of the competitive bid process, Balfour Beatty has selected twenty-four firms to complete various construction packages from the 114 bids they received. Moving forward, 64% of the \$17.4 million project will be completed by construction firms that have offices located in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Of the \$17.4 million project, future development will reimburse EVWD \$1.9 million for the cost of extending utilities east on Greenspot Road, resulting in an actual project cost of \$15.5 million.

“The design-build method of constructing a facility provides our ratepayers with clear cut maximum project price,” said General Manager/CEO John Mura, “With the contractors selected and the guaranteed maximum price in place, we remain on track for this project to be completed next spring.”

Construction is currently underway with grading 60% completed and temporary power scheduled for installation within the coming weeks. Project completion is anticipated for April 30, 2014, when the current facility lease expires for the administrative offices.

The Headquarters Campus will combine District Administrations and Operations to a single site. Currently located at three different facilities, the District is faced with unique challenges including coordinating meetings with customers, working with a property management company on issues that could be handled in-house and, hosting community activities. The 29,000 square foot facility will feature a multi-purpose Board Room, one convenient Customer Service Counter for Water/Sewer payments and Engineering Services, and outdoor spaces designed to accommodate water conservation courses.

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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).*