



## NEWS RELEASE

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# EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT OPENS DOORS TO NEW HEADQUARTERS FACILITY

**Highland, Calif., (March 19, 2014)** – Each day East Valley Water District serves the residents of Highland and portions of both the County and City of San Bernardino with reliable drinking water. As an organization that values interacting with the community, the District hosts facility tours, participates in regular events, and now has a new headquarters facility. Designed to encourage interactions between the public and staff, the new East Valley Water District Headquarters opened its doors on Saturday, March 15, 2014, with an Open House Event and ribbon cutting celebration.

“In 2012 we set a goal to be moved into the new headquarters by April 30, 2014, and I am proud to share that we opened our doors 71 days ahead of schedule and under budget,” commented Chairman James Morales, Jr. “With over \$1 billion in infrastructure located throughout our 27.7 square mile service area, the headquarters facility will serve as a central location for this community to learn first-hand about responsible resource management.”

Over 200 people attended the formal ribbon cutting ceremony including representatives from the project Design-Build Team Balfour Beatty, other government representatives, and local residents. Throughout the day, hundreds more flowed through the building to enjoy the facility tours, equipment displays, water efficiency demonstration garden, and activity booths.

“This event is the first of many where we can invite the community to learn about the steps taken to deliver safe and reliable water,” said General Manager/CEO John Mura.

The Headquarters Campus combined District Administration and Operations to a single site. Previously located at three different facilities, the District faced 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. Built in 242 days for a guaranteed maximum price of \$15.5 million, the District partnered with construction managers Balfour Beatty Construction and architectural firm Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke, with engineering services provided by Parsons Brinkerhoff. The 30,000 square foot facility features 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.

For more project information or to view the Headquarters Campus construction progress visit the District website at [www.eastvalley.org](http://www.eastvalley.org).

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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 93,500 people in the City of Highland, eastern City of San Bernardino, and sections of unincorporated County of San Bernardino. 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).*