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JAMES MORALES JR. AWARDED BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD *California Special Districts Association recognizes EVWD amongst 1,000+ organizations throughout California*

Highland, Calif., (September 30, 2015) – James Morales, Jr., East Valley Water District’s Board Chairman was presented with the 2015 Board President of the Year Award by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). Chairman Morales received the distinction at the CSDA Annual Conference held Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

“Chairman Morales’ effective leadership style has had impacts that can be seen throughout the region,” said John Mura General Manager/CEO. “He continues to encourage a high level of professionalism and teamwork with the Board that can be seen through the successful implementation of critical policies.”

Each year, the CSDA presents awards to acknowledge the achievements of individuals and districts throughout the state. Nominees for Board President of the Year were required to demonstrate their success in the areas of experience, effectiveness and leadership.

Chairman Morales joined EVWD’s Board of Directors in 2008 and has played a vital role in the adoption of two phases of strategic plans, implementation of budget based rates, receiving the prestigious Distinguished Budget award and Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, and implementation of an extensive community outreach program. His experience and expertise outside of his elected position has been beneficial during his time on the EVWD Board. He has served on both the Policy and Legislative/Public Affairs Committees, which were responsible for presenting recommendations for ultimate Board adoption.

CSDA is a not-for-profit association formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy and other areas for all types of independent special districts. With a membership of more than 1,000 organizations throughout California, Chairman Morales’ achievement recognizes EVWD as an organization committed not only to the delivery of water, but to the overall enhancement and protection of the quality of life for their customers.

Photo caption: EVWD Chairman James Morales, Jr. is presented with the 2015 CSDA Board President of the Year Award.

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East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 and provides water and wastewater services to 101,733 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.