



EMWD's under-construction Perris II Desalination Facility in Menifee will help us further expand our use of groundwater throughout our service area

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### **THE WATER BENEATH YOUR FEET**

In honor of National Groundwater Awareness Week taking place in March, EMWD offers a primer on its local groundwater supplies: past, present and future.

### **SAVE WATER AND BEAUTIFY YOUR YARD**

EMWD's Landscapes for Living program offers residents the resources and rebates needed to reduce their water use and have a stunning landscape transformation.

# THE FUTURE IS UNDERGROUND

At EMWD, investments in our Groundwater Reliability Plus program will help provide water supply security for our future.

**It all began when:** EMWD was founded in 1950 to help manage groundwater rights with area landowners in the San Jacinto Valley. Since then, we have worked hard to successfully manage our local groundwater supplies and know how important our groundwater is to meeting your water supply needs.



**Why is it so important?** Because groundwater is locally controlled, EMWD can rely on these supplies during wet and dry years. When the state restricts surface water deliveries, local groundwater becomes even more important to provide for our communities.

**How does EMWD get its groundwater?** Groundwater makes up about 16 percent of our total water supply but we are working to increase that amount.

EMWD has 27 operating groundwater wells, including some that are 1,500 feet deep, with even more in the planning or construction phase. All of that water is safely treated before it is sent to your home or business.

## How is EMWD expanding its groundwater facilities?

EMWD has three major groundwater programs under construction:

- In 2022, EMWD's third groundwater desalination facility will be completed in Menifee.
- EMWD's Perris North Groundwater Program is installing six wells and a treatment facility in Moreno Valley.
- EMWD has four wells under construction in San Jacinto (photo, right) and recently finished work on a groundwater replenishment facility (photo, below) that can help put enough water in our aquifer each year to provide for 75,000 homes.



**The future:** Today, EMWD is designing a Purified Water Replenishment (PWR) facility program that will clean recycled water using microfiltration and reverse osmosis, and then let it percolate into our local aquifers.

This will provide us with a safe and sustainable local water supply source and help refill our groundwater basins. It is part of our efforts to invest in your water supply future.

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The banner features a woman in a blue shirt and a wide-brimmed hat tending to a garden of yellow flowers. The background shows a building with the EMWD logo. The text "Landscapes for LIVING" is written in a stylized font at the top left, and "emwd EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT" is at the top right. Below the image, a blue bar contains the text "Design Your Best Outdoors. Free Water Saving Services & Rebates NOW Available!"

Spring has almost sprung and it is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy your front and backyards! EMWD's new program, Landscapes for Living, is designed to help our residential customers do just that with FREE installation of water-saving equipment and multiple cost-saving rebates.

Hundreds of customers have already signed up for the program, which helps residents reduce outdoor water use, save money and gain beautiful landscaping! From free Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers to High-Efficiency Sprinkler Nozzles, Landscape Evaluations and \$3 per Square Foot Turf Replacement Rebates—we have something for everyone.

To learn more about Landscapes for Living and get started, visit [landscapesforliving.emwd.org](http://landscapesforliving.emwd.org).