

## Putting It in the ‘Bank’ for a Dry Day

This year, EMWD anticipates breaking ground on new facilities throughout the San Jacinto Valley that will help make our region even more drought resistant and preparing us for the future.

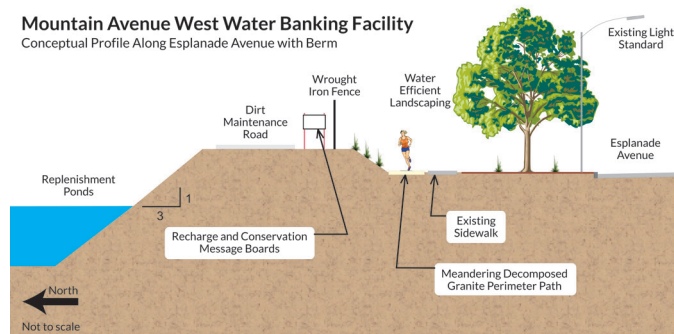
As part of the partially grant-funded project, EMWD will construct additional replenishment ponds, groundwater wells and pipelines in San Jacinto. During wet and normal years, water will be brought in from Northern California through the State Water Project system to seep into our local groundwater basin. During dry and normal years, water can be pulled out and treated for drinking water purposes.

The Mountain Avenue West Water Banking Facility is part of a regional effort to maintain groundwater quality and improve reliability throughout Southern California. Water Banking is part of EMWD’s commitment to planning for the future so our customers can be confident that we have the water resources to meet their needs, today and tomorrow.

More information will be available in the coming months and can be found through [emwd.org](http://emwd.org).



**Mountain Avenue West Water Banking Facility**  
Conceptual Profile Along Esplanade Avenue with Berm



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# EMWD Expands Water Bottle Fill Station Program



As part of its ongoing partnership with local schools to provide safe drinking water while promoting the quality, reliability, and value of tap water, EMWD has successfully installed water bottle filling stations in all Hemet and Menifee schools within EMWD's service area.

In late December 2017, Hemet Unified and Menifee Union School Districts completed installations of fill stations at their schools to which EMWD provides water service. Hemet now has 10 schools with the wall-mounted fill stations and Menifee has nine.

The water bottle fill stations are similar to drinking fountains but include an overhead filling system to easily fill reusable water bottles. EMWD actively promotes the use of refillable bottles as part of its commitment to conveying both the value of tap water and environmental stewardship. Each fill station has a display screen that tracks the number of plastic bottles that have been saved by using the fill station. This results in less plastic in the land fill.

For more information, please visit [emwd.org/WBFSProgram](http://emwd.org/WBFSProgram).

## Pick Your Favorites!

### “Get Savvy About Water” Poster Contest

Each year, EMWD's Education Program sponsors a poster contest for grade school students within our service area and the winners are submitted for consideration in The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's annual *Water Is Life* calendar.



2017 Metropolitan Water District Poster Contest Winners

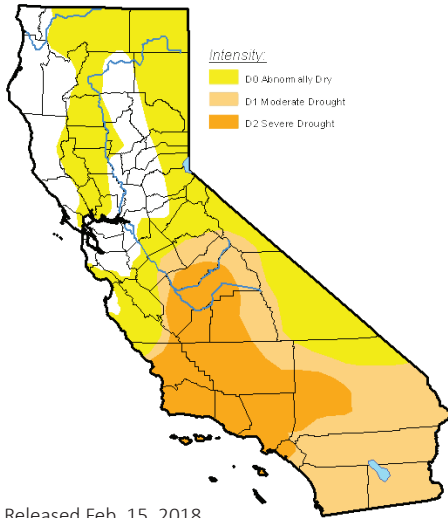
This year, EMWD is again asking for your help in selecting the top five posters from a group of 18 finalists. Winners will be announced at EMWD's annual student recognition event in late April.

## Vote for Your Fan Favorites Today!

Cast your vote for your top five posters at [emwd.org/Pick5Posters](http://emwd.org/Pick5Posters).

Voting closes on April 20, 2018.

# Dry Weather Returns, Stay Water Wise



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As the first months of the year come to a close and very little rainfall has been seen, EMWD continues to prepare for what may be another dry year.

We cannot control what Mother Nature provides, and we have little control over environmental issues affecting our ability to import water. But what we can control is how we use our water.

## EMWD ENCOURAGES CUSTOMERS TO CONTINUE MAKING WATER EFFICIENCY A PRIORITY

For water use efficiency tips, residential rebate programs, and access to the new Inland Empire Landscape Guidebook visit [emwd.org/UseWaterWisely](http://emwd.org/UseWaterWisely).

# Don't Rush to Flush - Use a Medication Disposal Pouch

EMWD wants to help customers be “Sewer Smart” and avoid flushing prescription and over-the-counter medications down the toilet.

EMWD is providing customers with responsible medication disposal options by offering FREE medication disposal pouches. The pouches provide a safe and effective way to neutralize medications before they are disposed of through household trash bins. By not discarding unused medications into the sewer system, customers are doing their part to help maintain the water quality within EMWD’s recycled water system and groundwater supplies.

Pick up your medication disposal pouch at the EMWD Main Office located at 2270 Trumble Road in Perris, California. Limit one pouch per household. For more SewerSmart program information, please visit [emwd.org/SewerSmart](http://emwd.org/SewerSmart).



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# The Buzz About the Bees

With spring around the corner, it's that time of year when flowers start blooming and bees begin their important work of pollinating.

EMWD is committed to being good partners with the environment and this includes protecting the bee population, which is responsible for the pollination of about \$15 billion in crops each year in the United States. The importance of bees was even highlighted in EMWD's annual "Write Off" contest for students in our Education Program this year.

Should an active hive be discovered on EMWD property or in an EMWD water meter box, a safe bee removal vendor is contacted and typically responds within 24 hours. The bees are vacuumed into a secure storage area and the honeycomb removed and safely transported. Should the bees be found in an EMWD water meter box, steps are taken to prevent future swarms from returning to the same location, including spray painting or replacing the bottom of the meter box lid to mask the scent of the bees. More than 80 percent of the bees will be safely transported off-site and used for beekeeping purposes.

Should a customer discover a bee hive in their EMWD water meter box or at an EMWD facility, we encourage you to avoid the swarm and contact EMWD's 24-hour Integrated Operations Center at 951-928-3777, ext. 6266.



## Mark Your Calendars

Poster Contest Voting Ends	April 20, 2018
Earth Day	April 22, 2018
Water Conservation Festival	April 28, 2018