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Early birds benefit from Eastern Municipal Water District's Audubon tours

Perris, CA (February 2, 2005)— "Early birds" can catch a glimpse of a rich oasis of migratory birds swirling from Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) wetlands in San Jacinto.

In a partnership with the Audubon Society, EMWD is offering free tours of its wetlands on the second Saturday of the month February through March. Tour dates will be February 12 and March 12. There are two tours on each tour day, the first beginning at 7:00 a.m. and the second beginning at 9:00 a.m. No reservations will be taken.

Tour guides will be Sherri Stange and Steve Adkison of the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. According to Adkison, "The early tours have the best viewing possibilities because the birds start their feeding soon after the sun rises and it's quite a sight to see the wetlands wake up!" Guests are invited to stay for both tours for a chance to see the greatest variety of bird life.

The Audubon Society's mission is to "conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity." The Audubon Society helps people of all backgrounds and ages to learn about sustaining important bird populations through community education programs.

Bring your family and friends to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the

EMWD wetlands at the San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. For directions, visit us at www.emwd.org and click on “Water Education” or call (951) 928-3777, ext. 4226.

The EMWD wetlands are not open to the public. Guests are only allowed admittance during designated tours. Tours will be canceled during inclement weather.

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EMWD serves a 555-square mile area from Moreno Valley to Temecula, and from Hemet and San Jacinto to Good Hope and Mead Valley. Approximately 530,000 people live and work in this area. In addition to its own water customers, EMWD supplements water to eight local water agencies and municipalities that have their own water departments. EMWD operates four water reclamation facilities and treats some 39 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD’s web site www.emwd.org.