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EMWD accommodates growth in service area

Perris, CA (February 18, 2005)— Development in Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) service area continues to face record growth, according to recent development reports.

The number of projects submitted for plan check from developers from January through December of 2004 was 309, representing 15,526 individual units, the greatest number of projects in the last decade. In 2003, 234 projects were submitted, representing 15,126 units.

The trend continued in January 2005 with 17 projects, representing 799 individual units.

The plan-check process involves the review and approval of developer projects that meet EMWD requirements for new water and/or sewer connections.

The area with the greatest number of projects submitted in 2004 was the Hemet/San Jacinto area with 78 projects. Temecula/Murrieta and Moreno Valley closely follow with 64 and 52 projects respectively.

New development brings water supply challenges along with it. Facing the sixth year of a continuing drought, EMWD continues to pursue new and efficient ways to accommodate growth while aiming to reduce water use by 25 percent per capita in 20 years.

EMWD, in collaboration with Metropolitan Water District, is currently working with developers in its service area to encourage water efficient landscaping and irrigation systems. This program involves both model homes and production homes in new housing developments.

The project will encourage new residents to be conservation oriented, particularly in the efficiency of their outside water use.

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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 550,000 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.