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Water customers asked to conserve during three-day water maintenance shutdown

Riverside, CA – February 21, 2006 – Some customers of Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts are being asked to conserve water, particularly outdoors, during a three-day water maintenance shutdown February 22 through 24. Impacted customers are those located in the Woodcrest, Lake Mathews, Orangecrest, Mission Grove, March Air Reserve Base, Air Force Village West, Lake Hills, Moreno Valley, Perris, Menifee, Homeland, Romoland, Quail Valley and Sun City.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, from whom Western and Eastern buys its water supplies, announced a shutdown at its Mills Filtration Plant to perform needed maintenance on the water system. In order to perform that work, water supplies from the State Water Project coming into the plant will be halted. Both local agencies will rely on stored and alternate water sources during the shutdown, however, a reduction in water use will be needed.

Eastern and Western recommend the following voluntary water conservation practices during the three-day shutdown: don't water your landscape; don't hose down driveways or any other hard surfaces except for health or sanitary reasons – use a broom or blower instead; don't allow hoses to run while washing vehicles – use a bucket or hose with an automotive shutoff valve; install pool and spa covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation.

Western Municipal Water District provides an imported water supply, wastewater treatment and water resource management to the communities within a 510-square mile area of western Riverside County.

Eastern Municipal Water District provides freshwater supply, wastewater service and recycled water to a 555-square mile area from Moreno Valley southward along the I-215 corridor to Temecula, and eastward to Hemet and San Jacinto.

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