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Eastern Municipal Water District to perform water system distribution testing

Perris, CA (May 3, 2006)— In order to provide the best possible service to its customers, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) will perform testing throughout its distribution system beginning May 8 for approximately six weeks. The testing involves opening some 160 fire hydrants in a staggered pattern during the test period and monitoring the pressure and flow of the water.

Customers may see water temporarily flowing from hydrants in certain areas during the testing. EMWD has a testing schedule and map online at www.emwd.org.

The testing is part of an effort to collect field data of EMWD's water distribution system. In order to accommodate the growth in the service area, EMWD engineers will use the data extensively to assess future facility needs as part of EMWD's \$700 million capital improvement plan. The data will also identify areas for improvement such as undersized pipe or low pressure.

EMWD customers should not experience any disruption in service. Customers in the East Valley Area (Hemet/San Jacinto/Fruitvale) may experience temporary discoloration of water due to accumulated sediment in the system. This is a common occurrence during this type of testing and is not harmful; however, customers who experience discolored water should call EMWD at (951) 928-3777 or 1-800-698-0400 to report the problem.

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EMWD is the freshwater, wastewater service and recycled water provider to a 555-square mile area from Moreno Valley southward along the I-215 corridor to Temecula and eastward to Hemet and San Jacinto. Approximately 570,000 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 43 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD's web site www.emwd.org.