



News from EMWD

Community Involvement Department
951/928-3777, ext. 4226
FAX 951/928-6171
Comminvolve@emwd.org
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300

For Immediate Release

Hawks, egrets, and owls-Oh my!

Eastern Municipal Water District offers season's final birding tours

Perris, CA (March 27, 2007)— Eastern Municipal Water District is offering two final dates for free bird watching tours at its multi-purpose, constructed wetlands in San Jacinto—Saturday, April 7 and Saturday, May 5, beginning at 8:00 am. No reservations are needed.

The tours will be led by Sherri Stange and Steve Adkison, members of the San Bernardino chapter of the Audubon Society. The mission of the Audubon Society 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.”

Ms. Stange and Mr. Adkison's knowledge of bird species that create habitats at the wetlands make these guided tours very informative. According to Steve, “among the many species of birds spotted during recent tours were burrowing owls and an abundance of birds-of-prey, including an occasional golden eagle.”

EMWD's wetlands are generally not open to the public. Individuals and families, however, are welcomed inside the facility for these occasional bird watching tours. The wetlands are located at EMWD's San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility on Sanderson Avenue, north of Cottonwood (770 N. Sanderson Ave.). Access to the wetlands will be through the north entrance of the facility.

Participants should wear comfortable shoes, and may want to bring water and sunscreen. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and tours will be canceled on rainy days.

For directions, visit www.emwd.org and click on “Map to our location,” then follow the arrow to “EMWD Wetlands Research Facility,” or during normal business hours, please call (951) 928-3777, ext. 4226.

#

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 650,000 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 46 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD’s web site www.emwd.org.