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Quail Valley residents to benefit from \$2 million grant

Perris, CA (October 2, 2007)—Two local water agencies received word they made the “A List,” which means they can expect to receive \$2 million in grant money to improve the wastewater system for Quail Valley.

The two agencies, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD), will be discussing October 8 how to implement the grant when it becomes official. Potentially, the money could be used for 100 percent of the environmental studies, 30 percent for final design of a total system, and 100 percent for final design of Area 9, which is the area closest to Canyon Lake.

“Some funds could also be used as seed money to qualify for additional grants or to form an assessment district to address the overall sewer system for that area,” Ronald W. Sullivan, EMWD board vice-president, said. “EMWD has so far spent over \$91,000 for a preliminary study on alternatives for sewerage the area, with cost estimates of approximately \$70 million to serve the whole valley.”

The only areas with sewer at this time are North Canyon Lake and a new development, Canyon Heights. The rest of Quail Valley relies on septic systems. As the population has increased, some of the septic systems in Quail Valley have failed, with runoff episodes of

polluted water in the community and in downstream Canyon Lake. That lake is a drinking water reservoir for EVMWD customers.

According to Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone, “The Third District of Riverside County is elated with the news that in partnership with local water agencies, we have acquired a \$2 million grant to begin the environmental and engineering process of building a much needed sewer system to serve Quail Valley and replace their failing septic systems. This will ultimately greatly enhance the health and safety of the residents of Quail Valley, Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore.”

Both the County of Riverside and the State Water Resources Control Board have passed resolutions limiting the number and area in which new septic systems can be built. This new grant will enable the agencies to move forward with plans for providing sewer to the 1,700 or more residents of Quail Valley.

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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 660,000 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 45 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD's web site www.emwd.org.