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Eastern Municipal Water District Prepared for Emergencies

District will participate in state-wide Golden Guardian emergency preparedness exercise

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Disaster preparedness is serious business at Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) where annual emergency response and preparedness exercises have been conducted for more than a decade. "We stand prepared to meet the needs of the communities we serve," says Tony Pack, EMWD General Manager.

On November 13, EMWD will participate in Golden Guardian, a state-wide emergency exercise that tests California's capability to respond and recover during major disasters.

Golden Guardian 2008's exercise, the Great Southern California ShakeOut, will be the largest earthquake drill in United States history. It will focus on a simulated, catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake along the southern portion of the San Andreas Fault. During and after the simulated earthquake, EMWD will respond to scenarios likely to occur in a quake this size. Scenarios will include damage to water systems, reduction in water supplies to customer homes and businesses, damaged wastewater pipes, and treatment facilities.

EMWD strives to always provide safe and reliable water and wastewater services to its customers. Participating in The ShakeOut simulation will allow EMWD to evaluate existing plans and identify opportunities for improvement.

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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 675,000 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.