



## **News from EMWD**

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Eastern Municipal Water District receives \$4.9 million grant**

*The grant is part of a \$25 million grant to help Inland Empire water agencies fund programs to decrease reliance on imported water.*

**Perris, CA (August 18, 2008)**—Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) General Manager Celeste Cantú will present a \$4.9 million check to the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) Board of Directors on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 1 pm.

The \$4.9 million grant represents EMWD's share of a \$25 million grant awarded to SAWPA by the State Water Resources Control Board for projects in the watershed. Grant monies are from the Proposition 50 water bond and are intended to help the agencies fund programs to decrease their reliance on imported water.

EMWD will apply the grant money toward the San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility Tertiary upgrade project (see below) which will provide additional treatment to Title 22 tertiary levels and pumping capacity to deliver treated water to more recycled water customers. At this level, recycled water can be used for almost any purpose in California except direct consumption.

#### **San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation Facility Average daily flow: 8 millions of gallons per day (mgd)**

Current permitted capacity: 11 mgd  
Ultimate expansion capacity: 27 mgd

Recycling water plays an important role in EMWD achieving its goal of developing a drought-proof and sustainable water supply for customers and reducing dependence on imported water supplies. For more information on the facility or EMWD's recycled water program, log onto [www.emwd.org](http://www.emwd.org).

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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](http://www.emwd.org).*