



## ***News from EMWD***

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### **For Immediate Release**

## **EMWD to Celebrate Grand Opening of Water Wise Demonstration Garden**

*Water & Energy exhibits POUR into the garden to help customers stay within their water budget*

**Perris, CA (April 30, 2009)** — Eastern Municipal Water District will officially open its Water Wise Demonstration Garden to the public with a Grand Opening event on Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Following opening statements, attendees can visit with the many vendors from leaders in landscape irrigation technology, experts in composting and energy as well landscape design. Exhibits will include innovative water use efficiency devices, green energy solutions, and native plant types. This free event will include self-guided tours of the grounds, activities for the kids, and special visits from Dewie the Dragon, Princess Zoie and Captain Lo-Watt. The first 100 kids can make Mom something special for Mother's Day.

Designed to serve as a water use efficiency model and educational tool to the community, EMWD's Water Wise Demonstration Garden was part of a landscaping retrofit project to maximize water supplies – including recycled water. The garden showcases synthetic turf, California friendly plant types and water efficient irrigation systems such as drip lines and smart controllers.

"The Water Wise garden is truly an example of practicing what we preach", said Board President Ron Sullivan. "By providing this model of sustainable water and energy saving

landscape, we are giving our customers techniques for using water wisely on their properties.”

The Water Wise Demonstration Garden is located at 2270 Trumble Road in Perris, just East of Interstate 215. For more information, please call 951.928.3777 x4226.

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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. Nearly 80 percent of the freshwater supplied by EMWD comes from imported sources. 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).*