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EMWD applauds state water package

Perris, CA (November 5, 2009)—With support from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the endorsement of California’s legislature Wednesday, residents and businesses have a new framework for rebuilding the state’s water system.

Five bills, including a statewide \$11 billion bond proposal for the November 2010 ballot address comprehensive changes in regional water supplies, water storage, drought relief, conservation, groundwater improvements and protection, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta infrastructure, and water recycling.

“Over the past, our legislators have endured criticism from many competing interests,” said Ron Sullivan, board president of Eastern Municipal Water District. “I applaud the fact that they and the Governor have persevered to reach a bi-partisan package. That takes courage and leadership.

“Even though some of our Inland delegation had reservations about some of the particulars,” he said, “they came together in support of the bond issue and agreement on most other issues. I look forward to discussions how these policy directives will be implemented.”

Among the major players, in addition to Governor Schwarzenegger, were legislators from both sides of the aisle, including Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, Minority Leader Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth and Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee.

EMWD is the freshwater, wastewater service and recycled water provider to a 542-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.