Eastern Municipal Water District Agency Profile

**Incorporated:** October 16, 1950.

**MWD Member Agency:** Joined the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in 1951. Today, there are 26 MWD member agencies in six counties, and Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is the easternmost member.

**Governance:** Five-member Board of Directors, each representing comparably sized populations and elected to four-year terms.

**Service Area:** 555 square miles in western Riverside County – about 75 miles east of Los Angeles.

**Population Served:** Nearly 1 million people live in the service area.

**Cities/Agencies Served:** Retail customers are within the cities of Hemet, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, San Jacinto, and Temecula and the unincorporated communities of French Valley, Good Hope, Homeland, Juniper Flats, Lakeview, Nuevo, Mead Valley, Murrieta Hot Springs, North Canyon Lake, Quail Valley, Romoland, Sun City, Valle Vista, and Winchester. Wholesale customers include the cities of Hemet, San Jacinto and Perris, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, Nuevo Water Company, Rancho California Water District, and Western Municipal Water District.

**Assessed Valuation:** Approximately $85 billion in FY 2020/2021.

**Connections:** Approximately 156,000 domestic water service accounts; 115 agriculture accounts; 246,000 sewer service accounts; and 626 recycled water service accounts.

**Employees:** Approximately 600

**Operating Budget:** $312 million for FY 2019/2020.

**Capital Improvement Plan:** $450 million for FYE 2021 - 2025.

**Grants and Loans:** More than $600 million in grants/low-interest loans awarded since 2001.

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**QUICK FACTS**

**WATER SYSTEM**
Approximately 90,998 acre feet sold in FY 2019/2020
- 2 fresh water filtration plants
- 2 groundwater desalters
- 15 active domestic wells
- 15 active brackish (salty) wells
- 79 storage tanks
- 88 active pumping plants
- 2,500 miles of pipeline

**SEWER SYSTEM**
Average 47 million gallons per day of treated wastewater in FYE 2020
- 4 operating reclamation facilities
- Average of
  - 70 mgd total capacity
  - 1,884 miles of collection pipelines

**RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM**
100 percent beneficial reuse in normal years
- 242 miles of pipeline
- 24 active pumping facilities
- More than 7,500 acre feet of seasonal storage
Imported water: The sole source of imported water is MWD, which imports it through the Colorado River Aqueduct and from northern California via the Department of Water Resource’s (DWR) State Water Project (SWP).

Water Treatment Facilities: The Perris Water Filtration Plant (PWFP) has a capacity of 22 million gallons a day (mgd). This ultrafiltration plant utilizes membrane technology and ultraviolet light to treat raw water from the Colorado River and from the SWP to produce potable water. The Hemet Water Filtration Plant (HWFP) is also an ultrafiltration facility treating SWP water at 12 mgd, also using membrane technology. The Menifee and Perris Desalter Plants convert salty, non-consumable groundwater (brackish water) into potable water, using a reverse osmosis process. Combined, the treatment capacity is 8 mgd.

Sewer Treatment Facilities: EMWD’s four operating reclamation facilities provide the highest level tertiary treatment. Current flow and capacities are as follows:

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Recycled water is widely used to irrigate landscapes for sport fields, medians, golf courses, parks, schools, restricted recreational use, and more. It’s also used for groundwater replenishment and environmental enhancement of wetland areas. Commercial customers use recycled water for landscape irrigation. EMWD typically uses 100 percent of its recycled water supply.

Green Power Resources: Saving more than $1 million per year in energy costs EMWD has digester gas fuel cells at its Moreno Valley and Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facilities. These fuel cells, which operate on renewable fuel, provide 25 to 40 percent of each facility’s energy requirements and produce virtually zero emissions. In addition, EMWD received a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for nine 60-kW microturbines that provide additional power generation, saving more than $300,000 annually.

Water Use Efficiency EMWD’s main program is its water budget-based tiered rate structure which was designed to reward customers who use water efficiently and to discourage those who waste water.