In the Fall of 2019, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) will break ground on its new Mountain Avenue West Groundwater Replenishment Facility, which will serve as the future home for EMWD’s Water Banking project as part of its Groundwater Reliability Plus initiative.

The Mountain Avenue West Groundwater Replenishment Facility will be located on the northeast corner of Mountain and Esplanade avenues in the City of San Jacinto. Once completed, the facility will have two large basins that will allow water imported from Northern California to seep into our local groundwater aquifer, where it will be available for use during dry years.

That water will be imported during years of normal and heavy rain and snowfall. It will be extracted during dry years to help EMWD meet the demands of its communities. It will also help mitigate the impacts of future droughts. By increasing local groundwater basin levels, EMWD is able to increase water supply reliability for the future. The facility will also help EMWD improve the groundwater quality in the aquifer.

EMWD has worked with the City of San Jacinto to incorporate a landscape design around the perimeter of the facility that will feature drought-tolerant and low-maintenance landscaping and a walking path that residents may use. Educational signage will also be included at the site.

Construction of the Mountain Avenue West Groundwater Replenishment Facility is anticipated to be completed in early 2021. For more information, please visit www.emwd.org/GWRPlus.