Perris North Groundwater Program

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) in late 2020 launched its Perris North Groundwater Program, which is a long-term solution to improve groundwater quality in the North Perris Groundwater Basin, in the Moreno Valley area.

The program will clean up and prevent groundwater contamination and will have the additional benefit of providing a safe and reliable drinking water supply for approximately 15,000 households annually.

The program has received a $44.9 million grant from the State Water Resources Control Board — the largest single grant award in EMWD’s history — which covers half of the estimated project cost. The grant funding is part of the voter-approved Proposition 1 Water Bond of 2014.

The program will include up to nine groundwater production wells, treatment facilities, blending stations, conveyance pipelines, and approximately 20 groundwater monitoring wells. Construction is anticipated to be completed in mid-2023.

EMWD and neighboring Western Municipal Water District (Western) signed an agreement as part of the program that will allow Western to purchase enough water to meet the current and future needs of March Air Reserve Base. The program will help address rising groundwater levels in the March ARB area that create infrastructure challenges.

For more information on the program, please contact EMWD’s Public and Governmental Affairs team at 951-928-3777, ext. 3430.