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SEPTEMBER—NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH *East Valley Water District encourages disaster readiness*

Highland, Calif., (September 4, 2015) – September is National Preparedness month and an opportunity to plan for an emergency. East Valley Water District (District) is encouraging customers to become disaster ready and plan how to stay safe during a crisis.

“Early preparation is a key factor to recovery during an emergency,” said John Mura, General Manager/CEO. “Because Southern California experiences earthquakes, floods and fires, our community needs to be equipped to respond quickly.”

A variety of hazards can occur at any time. Though the District continuously works to protect public health and safety by strengthening facilities and practicing strategies for a quick recovery, a major disaster can temporarily disrupt water and sewer services. The District recommends that customers follow a few simple steps to being prepared such as storing water, building an emergency kit, making a plan, and staying informed.

Emergency supply kits should include at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least seven days for drinking and sanitation. Individual needs may vary and should be taken into consideration for age, health, physical conditions, activity, and diet. Customers are also encouraged to prepare additional supplies for children, individuals with medical conditions, nursing mothers, and pets.

For more information on how to create an emergency response plan and become disaster ready, visit eastvalley.org/emergency and follow the District on social media at [eastvalleywater](https://www.facebook.com/eastvalleywater) for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Photo caption: East Valley Water District encourages customers to prepare and plan ahead for emergencies.

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East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 and provides water and wastewater services to 101,733 residents within the City of Highland and portions of both the City and County of San Bernardino. EVWD operates under the direction of a 5-member elected Board. More information is available at www.eastvalley.org.