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East Valley Water District Celebrates Surface Water Treatment Plant Enhancement

District installed new treatment process to maximize safety and reliability of drinking water for the community.

Highland, Calif., (April 6, 2023) – East Valley Water District held a ribbon cutting ceremony today to commemorate the \$4.2 million dollar upgrades at the Philip A. Disch – Plant 134 Surface Water Treatment Plant. Now including Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) technology, the facility utilizes an additional safety measure in the treatment process, providing enhanced treatment capabilities for the community's surface water supplies.

Treating up to 8 million gallons per day, Plant 134 serves as a crucial resource helping meet East Valley Water District's mission to provide quality drinking water to over 104,000 residents and businesses. Throughout different seasons, both Santa Ana River and State Water Project surface water, treated at Plant 134, gather additional organic elements like dirt, mud, leaves, and other content that cause variations in their organic content.

"East Valley Water District recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure and technology as part of our service to the community," said Michael Moore, General Manager/CEO. "The GAC upgrade at Plant 134 is a critical investment to maximize the District's ability to use surface water whenever it is available."



Photo Caption: East Valley Water District's Board of Directors and General Manager/CEO turn the valve on the Surface Water Treatment Plant enhancement. Left to right: David E. Smith, Governing Board Member; James Morales Jr., Vice Chairman of the Board; Michael Moore, General Manager/CEO; Phillip R. Goodrich, Chairman of the Board; Ronald L. Coats, Governing Board Member; Chris Carrillo, Governing Board Member.

Granular Activated Carbon is a proven technology to remove a wide range of contaminants from drinking water. The process is highly effective at capturing organic material using activated carbon to attract and adsorb contaminants as water flows through it.

“Ensuring that our community has access to safe and clean drinking water is our top priority,” commented Phillip Goodrich, Board Chairman. “We are proud to see the upgrade completed at Plant 134 and the enhancement to the treatment process.”

For more information about the District’s Capital Improvement Projects, visit eastvalley.org/CIP.

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East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 and provides water and wastewater services to over 104,000 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.