



Ready In Case of Emergency MNWD Prepared to Deliver a Reliable Supply in Good Times and Bad

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (May 1, 2010) – Last month’s earthquake along the Mexican border should serve as a reminder to local residents of the need to prepare for emergencies, but smart planning and key infrastructure investments have helped to ensure the Moulton Niguel Water District is ready to provide a safe and reliable water supply during disasters.

MNWD’s efforts begin with the design of our storage and delivery systems, which feature protections like back-up power supplies, wireless communications, dual-tank reservoirs, a redundant pipe grid and defensible fire perimeters. These will allow MNWD to continue providing water for fire protection and other uses in the event any of our facilities are temporarily out of service.

The District is also well prepared once a disaster has occurred. MNWD maintains four emergency operations centers throughout our service area, and all District employees are regularly trained in emergency management protocols, which helps speed response times. Our neighboring water agencies serve as a key asset as well, standing by to provide mutual aid to help us meet our customers’ needs and quickly distribute information.

Three new infrastructure projects will provide even greater reliability during emergencies. The Baker Treatment Plant, Upper Chiquita Reservoir and Irvine Ranch Water District Interconnection will all provide access to new emergency water sources, significantly increasing MNWD’s ability to provide dependable service. All are expected to be completed within two years.

For more information on MNWD’s efforts to provide a reliable water supply and steps you can take to prepare for an emergency, please visit www.MNWD.com or call us at (949) 831-2500.

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