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EVMWD Hires Special Counsel to Defend Against Lawsuits Brought by Canyon Lake Property Owners Association

District Anticipates Swift Resolution of Dispute Over Lake Lease

(Lake Elsinore, CA, October 26, 2015)—Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) has hired the law firm of Sandler, Lasry, Laube, Byer and Valdez, LLP from San Diego, to represent the district in ongoing litigation with the Canyon Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) over breach of contract on an existing lake lease of the Canyon Lake Reservoir.

The CLPOA has engaged in litigious delay tactics for several months, costing EVMWD customers a significant amount of money. EVMWD has chosen attorneys James G. Sandler and Jeffrey M. Byer to take over this litigation, and bring this matter to a quick resolution. Both attorneys have extensive experience in complex litigation regarding real estate and utility dealings. Their expertise will allow EVMWD to resolve the costly dispute as rapidly as possible.

“We have chosen a very experienced team that will allow us to finish this once and for all, for the good of every EVMWD customer,” says Phil Williams, EVMWD Board President. “Our rate payers, and we as a Board, can no longer be held hostage by the poor decisions and misleading methods of the CLPOA and its counsel.”

The constant delays, spin tactics and dubious legal maneuvering by the CLPOA and its counsel is not the proper solution and does nothing more than put off the inevitable and costs water customers more money in the long-run, including those homeowners within the Canyon Lake development.

Attorneys Byer and Sandler will begin work immediately to resolve the conflict through the legal process. EVMWD is confident it will prevail in the matter and has chosen this path to bring the matter to a faster conclusion for all parties involved.

“Remember this is the CLPOA’s lawsuit, yet they continue to stop it from going to court. You have to ask yourself why,” added Williams.

EVMWD is dedicated to serving all customers with reliable drinking water, and ensuring that even during this period of severe drought; those services are provided at the lowest possible costs.

For information on the Canyon Lake Reservoir, visit www.canyonlakefacts.com.

EVMWD provides service to more than 133,000 water, wastewater and agricultural customers in a 96-square-mile area in Western Riverside County. The District is a sub-agency of the Western Municipal Water District and a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Visit the EVMWD website at www.evmwd.com for additional information.

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