

News Release

Jurupa Community Services District Honored with the Excellence in Innovation Award from ACWA

Jurupa Valley, CA (December 9, 2024) – The Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) is proud to announce it has received the prestigious Excellence in Innovation Award from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). This accolade was presented during the ACWA Fall Conference in Palm Desert, California, attended by hundreds of water industry professionals and agencies.

JCSD was recognized for its innovative Heli-Hydrant Project, an initiative designed to enhance firefighting capabilities and water management efficiency across Eastvale and Jurupa Valley. By integrating water resource management with fire safety initiatives through the Heli-Hydrant Project, JCSD redefines the role of water agencies as pivotal partners in frontline emergency response, going beyond traditional water services. This award-winning project exemplifies groundbreaking and unique practices that contribute to long-term water resilience, aligning perfectly with ACWA’s criteria which favor initiatives that drive significant advancements in the water sector.



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The JCSD Heli-Hydrant Project, initiated in October 2023 and operational since July 2024, has set a new standard in emergency preparedness and resource management. Designed to rapidly supply large volumes of water for aerial firefighting efforts, these installations are the first of their kind in the Inland Empire and underscore JCSD's leadership in addressing critical community safety needs through innovative technology. A total of four heli-hydrants are planned for the Eastvale and Jurupa Valley areas.

"Receiving the ACWA Excellence in Innovation Award is a tremendous honor and validates our commitment to enhancing the safety and efficiency of water use in our community," said Board President Bart Moreno. "This project reflects our vital contribution to public safety and support for first responders during critical times."

ACWA represents over 470 public agencies, collectively responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms, and businesses in California. The ACWA Awards are highly competitive, recognizing member agencies that demonstrate unique and creative solutions addressing contemporary water challenges. After an application and review process, finalists were invited to present their innovations on a panel during the ACWA Fall Conference with General Manager Chris Berch representing JCSD.

To learn more, please visit www.JCSD.us/HeliHydrant.

Founded in 1956, the Jurupa Community Services District is a public agency providing services and programs to Jurupa Valley and Eastvale. It is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of five elected representatives from both cities. Serving approximately 140,000 people in a 40-square-mile area, JCSD provides a variety of community services and programs, including water, sewer, streetlights, frontage landscape maintenance, graffiti abatement, and parks and recreation services.

