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"Open House" For Public Input on Reservoir Project Set for Saturday, June 8 in Westlake Village

Calabasas, CA May 23, 2013 -- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) will host an open house at Las Virgenes Reservoir on June 8, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide an update and receive input from neighborhood residents on the design of the five million gallon tank to be located at the reservoir site adjacent to the Three Springs community in Westlake Village.

The tank is needed to address a growing water storage deficiency in the western portion of the District's service area. Adequate water storage is essential to meeting fire flow requirements and to provide an emergency supply of drinking water. Storage is also needed to accommodate future customer demand.

During the open house, area residents can view the tank site and meet with District representatives to discuss the project, its role in the entire water system, the tentative construction schedule, the status of design, and the District's plans to minimize impacts to neighboring residents during construction. Attendees can also provide feedback to the District on the proposed design.

"We understand this project is of interest to many area residents, and we look forward to the opportunity to discuss the proposed design and project plan with neighbors," said LVMWD General Manager, David W. Pedersen.

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The five million gallon tank is one element of the District's "Backbone Improvement Program," which also includes transmission main improvements in Agoura Hills and Calabasas, expansion of the Westlake Treatment Plant and modernization of the Westlake Pump Station. The Agoura Hills transmission main segment was completed in 2012, the Calabasas segment will commence later this year and construction of the tank is scheduled to begin in January 2014. These facilities are collectively needed to reduce the risk of low water pressures, water outages, inadequate emergency supplies and to ensure sufficient flows for structural firefighting.

The open house will be held at the reservoir site, 32601 Torchwood Place in Westlake Village, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2013, and will include multiple "stations" to discuss various aspects of the project. Since there will be no formal presentations, area residents are encouraged to stop by at any time to speak individually or in small groups with project representatives.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water, wastewater treatment, recycled water and biosolids composting to about 70,000 residents in the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, and unincorporated areas of western Los Angeles County.

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