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**For Immediate Release**

**Intermittent Water Releases from Las Virgenes Reservoir  
May Continue for up to Three Weeks**

(Calabasas, CA – February 23, 2017) With more rain in the forecast, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) anticipates that intermittent spillway flows from Las Virgenes Reservoir in Westlake Village may continue for up to three weeks. Water flows from the concrete spillway to a catch basin in Three Springs Park, where it enters an underground storm drain to Westlake Lake.

LVMWD General Manager David W. Pedersen said, “The release continues at a low rate as the reservoir level is just above the spillway elevation and runoff from the adjacent saturated hillsides continues to enter the lake for some time after the rain has stopped. Also, any additional rain will prolong the spillway flow.”

LVMWD had originally planned to start up the Westlake Filtration Plant and Pump Station to begin drawing the reservoir down in anticipation of the last storm. However, construction upgrades at those facilities were not complete and system testing and approval by the State Division of Drinking Water is also required. Mr. Pedersen said, “We did our best to get the plant operating, but it is proving to take longer than we expected. Our top priority is to ensure that the plant produces safe, high-quality water, and we need to take the necessary steps to that end.”

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LVMWD expects the plant to be online no later than March 20, which is a week in advance of a planned shutdown of supply from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from March 27 to April 4.

Las Virgenes Reservoir is normally filled during the winter months to have a local supply ready for unexpected emergencies and a reserve in place for peak summer demands. The unusually heavy rains took the reservoir level above the spillway line, but the surplus water has flowed into the storm drain system as designed. District officials reiterated there is no threat to public health, safety or the reservoir and dam.

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

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