Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE)
2006 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water has expressed an interest in the establishment of a plan to facilitate and encourage water agency mutual assistance agreements between water agencies, cities, and county jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE) was originally created to provide a forum for the development of mutual assistance agreements between agencies in the Inland Empire of California; and

WHEREAS, the EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK OF THE INLAND EMPIRE (ERNIE) 2006 OMNIBUS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT attached hereto and incorporated herein sets forth the mutual covenants and agreements for agencies to provide mutual assistance to one another in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, State California Office of Emergency Services (OES) regulates the SEMS/NIMS program, and this agreement is consistent with Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and that it is necessary to have a mutual assistance agreement in place to support requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for costs of using assistance during an emergency, and

WHEREAS, the agencies hereto have determined that it would be in their best interests to enter into an agreement that implements that plan and sets forth procedures and the responsibilities of the agencies whenever emergency personnel, equipment and facility assistance are provided from one agency to the other; and

WHEREAS, no agency should be in a position of unreasonably using its own resources, facilities, or services providing such mutual assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of ERNIE to revise this agreement as necessary and to annually publish a list of all agencies participating in this agreement, as posted on the East Valley Water District's Web-site; www.eastvalley.org

WHEREAS, such an agreement is in accord with the California Emergency Services Act set forth in Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 (Section 8550 et seq.) of the Government Code and specifically with Articles 14 and 17 (Section 8630 et seq.) of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the conditions and covenants contained therein, the _____

(Agency Name)

agrees to become a party to the ERNIE, 2006 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement.

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Please return a signed copy of this page, plus the Articles of Agreement to:

ERNIE

C/O East Valley Water District

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ERNIE Member List
As of July 2023

Governmental Organizations:
Bighorn Desert View Water Agency
City of Banning, Water Division
City of Big Bear, Department of Water and Power
City of Corona, Department of Water and Power
City of Redlands, MUED
City of Riverside Public Works & Public Utilities
City of San Bernardino Water Department
East Valley Water District
Eastern Municipal Water
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Hi-Desert Water District
Home Gardens County Water District
Joshua Basin Water District
Jurupa Community Services District
Rancho California Water District
Lake Hemet Municipal Water District
Monte Vista Water District
Riverside Highland Water Company
Rubidoux Community Services District
San Antonio Water Company
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Twentynine Palms Water District
West Valley Water District
Western Heights Water District
Western Municipal Water District
Yucaipa Valley Water District