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## **ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BREAKS GROUND ON WATER STORAGE TANK UPGRADE FOR SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS**

**Fremont, Calif.** — On Friday, May 30, 2015, the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) took another step to ensure water supply reliability in the event of an earthquake with the groundbreaking of the Appian Tank Seismic Upgrade Project in Union City.

Located just north of Mission Boulevard off Appian Way, the 770,000 gallon capacity water storage tank helps to maintain uniform water pressure and provides water for firefighting and other emergencies in the Union City area.

In addition to replacing the tank, the project includes the replacement of several thousand feet of transmission lines, as well as improved monitoring and control systems.

The tank improvements are part of the District's overall Main Replacement and Seismic Upgrade Program – a larger program to seismically upgrade or retrofit water storage facilities and main lines that have been identified to be most seismically vulnerable. Improvements will reduce water service interruptions during an earthquake.

“This project exhibits the crucial investments the District and our customers are making in our infrastructure,” said Board President Martin Koller. He added, “We know a large earthquake will occur and are being proactive to make upgrades in advance of a catastrophic event.”

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The groundbreaking ceremony included special guest Mr. Frank Borghi, Jr. who served on ACWD's Board of Directors for more than 30 years.

"Mr. Borghi was a leader and supporter of countless ACWD accomplishments many of which helped shape the District and secure water supply agreements still in place today," added Koller. Most notable, Koller referenced ACWD's 1962 Agreement with the State Water Project as its first customer followed by the 1964 Agreement with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to source Hetch Hetchy water.

The tank upgrade is scheduled for completion in October 2015. For additional project information or to learn more about the Main Replacement and Seismic Upgrade Program, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).

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For 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 344,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. For more information, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).