

## **Fontana Water Company Breaks Ground for New HQ**

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Ground was broken Thursday (October 18<sup>th</sup>) for a new \$15 million dollar headquarter facilities for the Fontana Water Company which will serve some 44,000 residential business and industrial customers – a population of more than 150,000 – in Fontana and adjacent unincorporated areas.

The 42,000 square foot facilities will consist of two separate buildings, according to Ben Earl, Senior Vice President of Irwindale-based Earl Corporation, the design-build contractor the project. A single-story, steel framed and concrete-clad structure of about 28,000 square feet will be situated in front of the lot and will house offices and administration functions. Behind it will be a 14,000 square foot, two-story masonry building containing warehouse and maintenance facilities.

The new headquarters will be located on just under five acres at 15966 Arrow Route in the City of Fontana (at Tokay Avenue). Its “green” features will include storm water capture and retention systems, drip irrigation, low-flow plumbing fixtures, high thermal value insulation, an internal energy management system to regulate heating, air conditioning and ventilation equipment, and an architectural design that enables the building to “harvest” daylight for up to 80 percent of its lighting needs.

Completion is scheduled for late 2008.

In business since 1932, Earl Corporation is based in Irwindale, California, and provides site planning, construction analysis, interior design and design-build services in addition to general contracting. The company has traditionally been active in the higher education, public building, museum and historic preservation arenas.