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Mojave Water Agency lauds Governor's water resilience decision

APPLE VALLEY, CA – For more than 60 years, Mojave Water Agency has been charged with ensuring the continued availability of water to the residents and land within its 4900-square-mile service area. Despite recent precipitation events, Southern California, and the Agency's service area in particular, remain precariously dry, which is why MWA fully supports Governor Newsom's decision to temporarily modify required water releases from reservoirs to the State Water Project and Central Valley Project facilities.

The Governor's Executive Order N-3-23 was the result of a temporary urgency change petition to relieve the 1999 requirement to increase flows in February and March. This will strategically retain more water in the state's reservoirs for delivery to water users later in the year.

"While we value the wildlife and environmental factors that reservoir releases support at this time of year, it is vital that California adapts to current climate conditions of short, intense periods of rain between longer drier and hotter periods," said Board President Mike Page "This temporary change in water management allows us to provide water needed for the health and safety of our community, to sustain our agriculture, and bolster our economy, while supporting our ecosystems and natural habitats."

All other environmental protections remain in place and flows will resume following the modification to support the wildlife and environment.

The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Agency Headquarters Board Room located at 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Meetings are open to the public. Visit www.mojavewater.org for more information.

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