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City of Adelanto and MWA Awarded Key Water Grant

Apple Valley, CA—The City of Adelanto has received a \$300,000 federal grant to help fund the construction of a pipeline improving water reliability thanks to a collaborative effort with the Mojave Water Agency (MWA). The new project will provide a direct connection to MWA's groundwater replenishment project called the Regional, Recharge and Recovery Project.

Funding for the new pipeline is financed by the US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Program. The grant will help offset costs to construct the \$2.5 million pipeline.

Kimberly Cox, MWA Board President, expressed enthusiasm for the project. "Award of this grant is further proof that working together brings success, Cox said. "The Regional, Recharge and Recovery Project was designed to provide an additional source of drinking water for the Victor Valley communities, and it's exciting to add Adelanto to the system."

Adelanto Mayor Richard Kerr said, “This is wonderful news for our residents and business community. We are thrilled to join MWA’s recharge project and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership.”

Completed in 2013, the Regional, Recharge and Recovery Project replenishes local groundwater supplies by recharging local basins with State Water Project water transported via the California Aqueduct, and delivered to the cities of Victorville, Hesperia, and Apple Valley through a series of pipelines. The Mojave Water Agency is one of 29 State Water Contractors that may purchase additional water supplies.

The construction of the new pipeline will provide access to the recharge project and will augment Adelanto’s water supplies, and provide the city with an alternative drinking water source during a local water emergency.

The City of Adelanto and the Mojave Water Agency will continue to pursue additional funding sources to complete the project. For any questions about this grant award or the pipeline project, call the Mojave Water Agency at (760) 946-7000.

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The Mojave Water Agency manages the region’s water resources for the common benefit to assure stability in the sustained use for its citizens. It is one of 29 State Water Contractors that is entitled to receive State Water Project water when available. The Agency’s territory encompasses 4,900 squares miles with a population of 450,000.