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MWA General Manager Elected to Board of State Water Contractors

Apple Valley, CA— Tom McCarthy, General Manager of the Mojave Water Agency is the newest member on the Board of Directors of the State Water Contractors (SWC). He was elected to the Board at the April 5 Class 8 State Water Project Contractors meeting. He joins the 9-member board and represents the Class 8 contractors.

The State Water Contractors is an association of 27 public water agencies that work together to provide clean drinking water and reliably manage water supplies within the state. Each member of the SWC purchases water from the State Water Project that is managed by the California Department of Water Resources. Mojave Water Agency has been a SWC member since its inception in 1960.

Kimberly Cox, MWA Board President, said the appointment is both timely and critical. “The State of California faces a number of challenges in the goal of water reliability. The State Water Contractors play a key role in this endeavor and having someone of Tom McCarthy’s caliber with his expertise representing the MWA, will ensure our unique needs will have a voice.

McCarthy joined MWA as its General Manager in June 2017. He is a professional civil engineer and geologist with more than 20 years of experience. Prior to joining MWA, McCarthy worked for Anaheim Public Utilities.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Science from the University of Oregon.

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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. The Agency's territory encompasses 4,900 squares miles with a population of 450,000.