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Marina West selected as Mojave Water Agency Board President

Apple Valley, CA — The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board of Directors has selected Marina West, PG, as its President for 2026 following the Agency's annual board reorganization. The Agency is governed by a seven-member elected board representing seven geographic divisions. West represents Division 2 and was first elected to the board in 2022.

West brings more than 38 years of experience in the water industry to her role as board president. A professional geologist licensed by the State of California, she has dedicated her career to advancing sustainable water management, regulatory compliance, and water system reliability, particularly for small, rural, and disadvantaged communities.

“Water reliability and affordability are foundational to the long-term health of the High Desert. With that in mind, the Mojave Water Agency is advancing a new master planning approach that centers decision-making on the needs and affordability of its diverse communities,” said West. “It is an honor to serve as Board President at a time when our region continues to face complex challenges related to groundwater sustainability, infrastructure investment, and evolving state and federal regulations.”

West earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Sciences from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, and holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino. In addition to her geology license, she is also licensed by the State of California as a Water Treatment Operator and holds the highest-level certification available in Water Distribution.

In addition to her service on the Mojave Water Agency Board, West serves as Vice Chair of the Community Water Systems Alliance, an organization that provides a collective voice in Sacramento for water systems serving disadvantaged and income-limited communities. Since 2021, she has also served as Director/Treasurer for the CalMutuals Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Authority, which helps secure affordable insurance coverage for approximately 552 water systems across California, many of which serve rural areas.



*Marina West,
Mojave Water Agency
2026 Board President*

Mojave Water Agency is a water wholesaler serving a 4,900-square-mile service area in the Mojave Desert region. As one of 29 State Water Contractors, the Agency is permitted to deliver water from the California Aqueduct and is responsible for implementing the Mojave Basin Area adjudication, a court-sanctioned groundwater management program designed to balance water use with available supply.

The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Agency boardroom located at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley. Public participation is encouraged. For more information, visit www.mojavewater.org or follow the Agency on social media @mojavewater.

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