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Mojave Water Agency offers free water training classes

Apple Valley, CA — The Mojave Water Agency and California Rural Water Association, in support of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, will offer three free classes this spring as part of their small water systems training series.

Drought and Water Shortage Management Plans will be offered March 22. Participants will learn about water conservation planning specific to small water system needs and capabilities, including the tools, public education materials, and financial planning necessary for implementing a successful plan.

Tanks and Maintenance will be offered May 3. Steel water tanks can last more than 100 years if maintained properly. Students in this class will learn about corrosion issues and how to prevent them, as well as coating and retrofit options to bring tanks up to code.

Emergency Response Management Plans will be offered June 14. This course will cover the procedures and documents required by the state to conduct a proper emergency response. Students will learn about funding agencies, public safety power shut offs, and how to educate the public about emergency response as it relates to the water system.

These no-cost workshops are beneficial for water operators and system managers of private, public, and tribal water systems. All sessions are eligible for State Water Resources Control

Board (SWRCB) Contact Education Hours and are held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Mojave Water Agency Board Room located at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley.

A light lunch is included. For more information, or to register, visit <u>www.smallwatersystems.org</u> or call (800) 833-0322. ####