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Preface

This Final EIR for the Mojave Water Agency Water Supply reliability and Groundwater Replenishment Program includes responses to comments and MWA's responses to comments received during the public comment period from October 28, 2005 through December 13, 2005 (See Appendix A). For reader convenience and coherence, responses to comments have been incorporated into the Final EIR, except where the clarifying response consisted of a reference to the analysis in the draft EIR. Minor editorial changes, such as corrections of typographical errors, are not noted.

The Final EIR therefore contains minor editorial changes, additional information intended to clarify or amplify analysis in the draft EIR, and responses to public and agency recommendations for additional mitigation. Per a commitment in the draft EIR (Section 5.4.7.2), the FEIR also includes consideration of relocation of the upstream Antelope Wash recharge basin to a downstream site to avoid and minimize impacts associated with the upstream site. Finally, it includes a designation of the environmentally superior alternative and designation of the proposed project alternative.

These changes are designated in the text with Arial typeface and their location in the Final EIR is listed following the Table of Contents.

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