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Hayhurst, Page and West installed to Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors

Apple Valley, CA — The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors recently installed incumbents Jeanette Hayhurst and Mike Page; and welcomed new Board Member Marina West to serve 4-year terms as a result of the November election.

“This year, we are joined by Marina West who will represent District 2 on the Mojave Water Agency’s Board of Directors,” said President Mike Page. “Marina comes to us in a time of critical legislation on water usage in the State of California. Her expertise of our region’s water supply will be invaluable in the years ahead. We are fortunate to have her on our team.”

Marina West joins the Agency with decades of experience in water management. As a fifth generation Californian, her family pioneered in farming, water science, management, and environmental protection. She is licensed by the state of California as a Water Treatment Operator and holds the highest-level certification offered by the state in Water Distribution. Marina also earned a master’s degree in Public Administration from Cal State San Bernardino.

The Dec. 8 meeting also served as the Board’s annual reorganization. Director Page was unanimously voted to serve as President, Director Hayhurst as Vice President, Director Kimberly Cox as Treasurer and Directory Rick Roelle as Secretary of the Board.

Incoming President, Mike Page, is a long-time resident of the high desert. Page was originally elected to serve on the agency board in November 2001 and has since represented Division 4 which encompasses Spring Valley Lake and most Victorville. Since 2012, Mike has been actively involved at the St Mary’s Medical Center Foundation and serves as the Senior Director of Philanthropy. He has also worked in the telecommunication industry for more than 25 years including serving as the Director of Governmental and External Affairs for Verizon.

Incoming Vice President, Jeanette Hayhurst, has worked for the City of Barstow where she served in a variety of departments including economic development, housing, and parks and recreation, and retired as the Community Services Director. In 2003, she began attending agency board meetings, and in 2006 participated in the formation of the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC) coalition. Jeanette represents Division 6 and had previously served as President of the Board since 2018.

The Board also recognized outgoing member, Jim Ventura, for his exemplary 22 years of service representing District 2.

“This Board is indebted to Jim Ventura for his dedication, leadership and commitment to our region’s water supply over these past 20 years,” said Treasurer Kimberly Cox. “Jim has served as a fundamental

part of this board and its accomplishments in water preservation and has devoted much of his career to maintaining this precious resource in our local community. We are grateful for the expertise he has provided the Mojave Water Agency and its partnerships during his tenure.”

The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors will conduct its next meeting on Jan. 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Mojave Water Agency located at 22450 Headquarters Ave, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Public participation is encouraged.

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