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### **Rick Roelle installed as MWA Board President**

Apple Valley, CA — Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors closed out 2024 by reinstalling five members during its last board meeting of the calendar year, and reorganizing its appointed leadership positions including Rick Roelle as President.

Division 1 Director Kimberly Cox, Division 3 Director Kathy Hoffman, and Division 5 Director Roelle all ran unopposed, while Division 6 Director, Jesse Ramirez, and Division 7 Director Mike Limbaugh, each faced a challenger on the ballot.

“The results of the November election are a testament to the stability of this organization and its board,” said Cox, who served as Board President for the past year. “I have served on this board for more than 20 years so I can confidently say that it is a pleasure to govern with this team of directors whose goals are aligned and focused on what is best for the public interest and the High Desert’s critical water needs.”

Mojave Water Agency is a water wholesaler that serves a 4,900-square-mile service area. As one of 29 State Water Contractors, the Agency is permitted to deliver water from the California Aqueduct. The MWA is also the entity charged with implementing the adjudication, a court sanctioned groundwater management system designed to gradually bring water used in balance with the available supply.

Directors serve as the decision-making and policy-setting body for the Agency that is divided into seven geographical divisions.

Roelle was installed as Board President with Division 2 Director Marina West as Vice President, Hoffman as Secretary, and Division 4 Director Mike Page as Treasurer.

“Although we got some welcome precipitation last year, we continue to experience prolonged periods of drought that cannot be ignored,” said Roelle. “We must make the right decisions to bolster our water supply reliability and stay vigilant about conservation.”

This is Roelle’s second four-year term on the Board. He formerly served as a Town of Apple Valley Council Member from 2004 to 2012 with two of those years designated as Mayor. Roelle graduated from Apple Valley High School and has dedicated his life to public service including 32 years in law enforcement with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department.

The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the board room at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley. Public participation is encouraged. For more information, visit the Agency’s website at [www.mojavewater.org](http://www.mojavewater.org) or follow us on social media @mojavewater.

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