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Mojave Water Agency Regional Urban Water Management Plan unites water providers across the High Desert

Apple Valley, CA — The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) has completed and submitted the 2025 Mojave Regional Urban Water Management Plan to the California Department of Water Resources, meeting the state's July 1 deadline after months of collaboration among water providers across the High Desert. As the region's water wholesaler, MWA led the effort, bringing the region's retail water suppliers together under one coordinated plan that is believed to be the first of its scale in California under a single wholesaler-led framework.

State law requires large urban water suppliers to update these plans every five years. Rather than each provider going it alone, MWA coordinated one regional approach with Zanjero, Inc. as MWA's consultant, producing a consistent, region-wide view of supply and demand and reducing duplicated effort for smaller systems. Beyond meeting the state requirement, that shared foundation gives every participating community a stronger, consistent basis for long-term water decisions — and it helps inform the Agency's broader planning now underway, such as the Master Plan MWA is developing for adoption in 2027.

"This plan reflects months of hard work by staff and partners across every agency in our service area," said Melody Bailey, Director of Water Resources. "By coming together on one regional plan, we built a clearer picture of our water future than any of us could have alone."

Eleven agencies participated, including MWA and ten retail suppliers: City of Adelanto, Hesperia Water District, City of Victorville, Phelan Piñon Hills CSD, Joshua Basin Water District, High Desert Water District, Liberty Utilities Apple Valley, Golden State Water Company Barstow, San Bernardino County Service Areas 64 and 70J. The plan gives the public and decision-makers a single, comparable picture of water reliability across the region.

"The strength of this plan is not simply in the document itself, but in the partnerships behind it," said MWA Board President Marina West. "By bringing water providers together under one shared vision, we're building a stronger foundation for sustainable water management and helping ensure reliable water supplies for the people and communities of the High Desert for generations to come."

The completed 2025 Mojave Regional Urban Water Management Plan is available at mojavewater.org.

About Mojave Water

Mojave Water Agency, which was established in 1960, plays a vital role in securing reliable water supplies for the High Desert region. As one of 29 State Water Project contractors, the Agency manages water resources across a 4,900-square-mile service area, promoting long-term sustainability and stewardship. For more information, visit the Agency's website at www.mojavewater.org or follow us on social media @mojavewater.

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