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Coleman Selected as President, Smith as Vice President of MWA

Victor Valley, CA—Carl Coleman was selected as president and Thurston “Smitty” Smith will fill the role as vice president, following action taken by the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board of Directors at its regular December 13 meeting.

During the meeting, the Board also named newcomer Jeanette Hayhurst to the position of secretary and reappointed Jim Ventura as treasurer. Board appointed positions are for a one-year term.

Coleman, a California Registered Civil Engineer, will serve his first term as president of MWA. He previously held the position of vice-president. He was elected to the MWA Board of Directors in November 2012 and represents Division 5 that encompasses most of Apple Valley. He also represents the Agency on the Region 9 Board of the Association of California Water Agencies. Coleman holds the distinction of serving as MWA’s first general manager following the organization’s formation in 1960.

A long-time Apple Valley resident, Coleman was active in community efforts leading to the incorporation of the Town of Apple Valley and was elected as one of the first members of the Town Council in 1988. His distinguished career began with a presidential appointment to the U.S. Navy Reserves and he served as an officer-in-charge of construction. He is currently president of ALTEC Engineering Corp. in Apple Valley.

Smith was elected to the MWA Board in 2016 representing Division 7 that includes portions of Apple Valley and Hesperia. Prior to his service with MWA, Smith served two continuous terms on the Hesperia City Council from 2006 through 2014. He has been active in the High Desert since the early 1990s, including serving on the Board of Directors for the Hesperia American Little League and the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Desert Valley Hospital.

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