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Adelanto Joins MWA Recharge Project

Apple Valley, CA — Officials from the City of Adelanto, the City of Victorville, and the Mojave Water Agency celebrated the groundbreaking of the Regional, Recharge and Recovery (R3) project in Adelanto September 30. Wearing R3 branded face masks, city and water agency leaders kicked off the project that will help ensure a reliable water supply for the growing community.

MWA's R3 project utilizes aquifer storage capacity in the Mojave Basin to enhance the regional supply of water by recharging local basins using the California Aqueduct and a pipe system to move water to local communities. The project was launched in 2013 with pipelines in Hesperia, Victorville, and Apple Valley.

Adelanto Mayor Gabriel Reyes said, "This project is key to the health and growth of our community. Having reliable access to an additional source of water ensures our citizens have access to quality water, and it means our business community can thrive and grow."

Thurston "Smitty" Smith, MWA Board President, said the celebration was the culmination of years of planning and collaboration. "This project was developed to maximize our water resources and restore local aquifers. Our communities worked together for many years and it's great to extend the project to Adelanto."

Victorville Mayor Gloria Garcia said, "By improving the sustainability of our water supply, this new pipeline will have lasting benefits for generations to come. We commend the Mojave Water Agency for their leadership role in ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for our entire region."

When completed, the project will extend water delivery service by constructing approximately one mile of underground pipeline along Mesa View Drive, beginning at

MWA's existing turnout located near Del Rosa Road and continuing to the Adelanto reservoir tanks located on Olivine Road near the intersection with Mesa View Drive.

Construction cost of the project is approximately \$5.1 million and will be performed by Nicholas Construction Inc. Kennedy Jenks is serving as the construction manager. The project is funded by Mojave Water Agency, the City of Adelanto, and grant funds from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources Prop. 1 program.

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