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MWA Recharges Local Aquifer in Barstow Area

Apple Valley, CA— Water is flowing along the riverbed in Lenwood at a new recharge site constructed by the Mojave Water Agency. A total of 780 acre-feet of water will be released this calendar year.

The recharge program at Lenwood brings imported water from the State Water Project that will percolate into the aquifer. One acre-foot of water can provide water for one year to approximately four households.

Beverly Lowry, MWA Board President said the program is essential. “Thanks to conservation and our water recharge program we’ve been able to endure this drought.”

Groundwater recharge is an effective and practical solution to ensure a sustainable water supply. The Mojave Desert’s geology provides an ideal environment to store water because of its permeable river sediments. These desert sediments made up of sand and gravel layers absorb water quickly and act as an underground reservoir.

To find out more about groundwater recharge click here:

<http://www.mojavewater.org/video-gallery.html>

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The Mojave Water Agency manages the region’s water resources for the common benefit to assure stability in the sustained use for its citizens. It is one of 29 State Water Contractors that is entitled to receive State Water Project water when available. The Agency’s territory encompasses 4,900 square miles with a population of 450,000.