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MWA Endorses Water Bond for November 2014 Ballot

APPLE VALLEY, CA—The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt a formal position in support of the \$7.545 billion water bond measure set for the November 4 ballot. The action was taken at the September 25 regular board meeting.

The measure, upon voter approval, would enact the **Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014**. The bond will appear as Proposition 1 on the ballot. The MWA Board voted to support the measure, citing much-needed funding for new surface and groundwater storage projects, regional water reliability, sustainable groundwater management and cleanup, water recycling, water conservation, and safe drinking water, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

Should Proposition 1 receive voter approval, MWA is well positioned to secure grant funding in various categories outlined in the water bond based on its success in securing grants. The Agency has invested some \$170 million over the last decade in local, state, and federal funds as a result of its 2004 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Completed key projects include the Regional Recharge & Recovery Project, Mojave River Pipeline Extension, and the Oro Grande Wash Recharge Project. The current Water Conservation Incentive Program that includes the Cash for Grass Program was developed and funded through the last integrated plan cycle.

MWA has completed the update of its Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and has received Department of Water Resources' approval. As a result, the Agency and its regional partners have identified new projects that are eligible for new funding made available in the water bond. These categories include integrated regional water management projects, and programs and projects for disadvantaged communities in need of drinking water public infrastructure, waste water programs, and safe drinking water programs.

The bond measure was approved in a bipartisan vote by the Legislature and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on August 13.

For more information on the water bond, visit the MWA website at www.mojavewater.org.

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.