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Adelanto Joins the R3 Project to Bring Water to the Community

Adelanto, CA—As California faces its third worst drought in recorded history, local officials celebrated a new supply of water for Adelanto with the completion of the extension of the Regional, Recharge and Recovery project (R3) on June 18.

The Mojave Water Agency project utilizes aquifer storage capacity in the Mojave Basin to enhance the regional supply of water by recharging local basins using water purchased from the State Water Project and delivering it to participating local communities. The R3 project was launched in 2013 and provided connections to the communities of Hesperia, Victorville, and Apple Valley. The Adelanto extension was planned since the inception of the project.

The ribbon-cutting event included several local elected officials including Assemblyman Thurston “Smitty” Smith who represents the 33rd Assembly District. Smith, who formerly served as President of the Mojave Water Agency said, “The R3 extension project serves as a real-life example of what working together can accomplish. It isn’t who gets credit, it’s about bringing water to a community to improve their lives.”

Adelanto Mayor Gabriel Reyes, said, “This project is an important investment in our infrastructure and an investment in our community. Adelanto can now be sustainable with this amazing partnership.”

Kimberly Cox, MWA Division 1 Director, focused her comments on basin management and the Agency’s purpose. “Our mission is to collaboratively manage groundwater basins sustainably, import water responsibly, and address risks proactively using sound science.”

In 1960, the Mojave Water Agency was formed when voters approved to participate in the State Water Project. This resulted in the construction of an infrastructure system of canals, dams, storage facilities, and pipelines to deliver water from Northern California to participating



agencies throughout the state. As a member of the State Water Contractors, MWA purchases water to help manage local groundwater basins to ensure water reliability for the region.

Water is delivered to and recharged into area groundwater basins from the SWP when surplus water supplies are available. The R3 project was designed to later directly deliver this recharged SWP water to participating communities by constructing direct pipelines to these communities to receive SWP water.

Victorville Mayor Debra Jones said, "We are proud to support your efforts to ensure a safe and reliable water supply, which makes it possible for us to achieve our joint vision for community improvement and economic development."

Prior to the extension to Adelanto, Victorville assisted Adelanto with additional water using the City's own pipeline system to deliver R3 water to the community. With the completion of the project, Adelanto now has a direct pipeline to the project.

The project extends water delivery service by constructing approximately one mile of underground pipeline along Mesa View Drive, beginning at MWA's existing turnout near Del Rosa Road and continuing to the Adelanto Drinking Water Reservoirs located on Olivine Road near the intersection of Mesa View Drive.

Jim Ventura, MWA Board focused his comments on the definition of success in public service. "Success is bringing needed services to people who live in our communities. That's the heart of public service, and our success is measured by the lives changed because we've built a project to solve a community need."

Construction cost of the project is approximately \$5.1million and was performed by Nicholas Construction, Inc. Kennedy Jenks served as the design engineer and construction manager. The project is funded by the 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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