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Ramirez appointed to Mojave Water Agency Board

Apple Valley, CA — The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors appointed Barstow native Jesse Ramirez to represent Division 6 at a special board meeting held today. Ramirez replaces longtime board member, Jeanette Hayhurst, who retired from the board earlier this year.

"Mr. Ramirez's 44 years of experience in the water industry, combined with his longevity in the Barstow community, gives him valuable insight and perspective on the water needs in this region," said Board President Mike Page.



Jesse Ramirez Board Member, Division. 6

A Barstow High School graduate, Ramirez began his career as a Water
Distribution Operator and has been the Operations Superintendent for Golden State Water Company since
2005. He holds his Grade-5 Water Distribution Operation Certification as well as a Grade-3 Water
Treatment Operator Certification.

"Jesse brings with him an accomplished career in water utility operations and will undoubtedly provide the Agency with important perspectives as we tackle the coming water management challenges," said General Manager Adnan Anabtawi.

Ramirez will attend his first board meeting on October 26.

"I'm looking forward to tapping into my many years in the water industry to help the Agency navigate challenges now, and in the future," said Ramirez, who cited more stringent water quality standards and availability of water in general among the upcoming issues.

Ramirez has served as a Board Member of the Barstow College Foundation since 2019, and on the Barstow Cemetery Committee since 2020. He is the past president of the Barstow Kiwanis Club for the 2018-2019 year.

The Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the board room at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley. Public participation is encouraged. For more information, visit the Agency's website at www.mojavewater.org or follow us on social media @mojavewater.