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County Partners with Mojave Water Agency to Offer Water Conservation Incentives

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) for participation by the County’s Special Districts Department, Water and Sanitation Division in MWA’s Water Conservation Incentive Program.

“The High Desert continues to experience significant population growth. As the population continues to increase, so too does the demand for water,” said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the High Desert. “It’s important that we all learn to make better use of our limited water supplies and one of the easiest and most cost-efficient methods of doing that is through conservation.”

The action by Supervisors enables the County Water and Sanitation Division to offer water conservation incentives to customers within water districts that are operated and managed by the County, including Oak Hills, Spring Valley Lake and Oro Grande.

“We are pleased that the County has joined with 16 other water providers to reach customers and provide additional encouragement to save water,” said Kirby Brill, General Manager of MWA. “Water in California is becoming more precious and scarce than it’s ever been, so the more that we can do to encourage customers to use it wisely will extend our existing supplies.”

The Mojave Water Agency established its Water Conservation Incentive Program in an effort to provide water conservation incentives to water users drawing their water from water purveyors within the MWA’s boundaries. The primary goal of the Program is to achieve a 20% reduction in per capita water consumption by the year 2020 by encouraging water users to adopt water conservation measures.

Financial conservation incentives will be offered to the water users and could include vouchers and rebates to reduce the purchase price of water-conserving products and devices.

Funding for the program will be obtained from the Mojave Water Agency on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent upon availability of funding from agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources.