

No. 18 – Mojave Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) for the Mojave Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region. The MWA was formed to provide regional water management to correct declining groundwater levels in the Mojave, El Mirage, and Lucerne Groundwater Basins. MWA was expanded to include the Johnson Valley and Morongo Basin areas. The Mojave IRWM Plan was adopted on February 24, 2005. The Mojave IRWM Region encompasses 44 water agencies and 11 municipalities with water supply responsibilities.

The Mojave Region covers a 4,900 square mile area in the High Desert area of Southern California and encompasses nearly the entire Mojave River watershed. However, the Region does not include the upper-most and lower-most portions of the watershed. One topic of concern at the interview was expansion of the Mojave Region boundary to include the extreme ends of the watershed.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

DWR strongly suggests that the Mojave RWMG expand their Region boundary to include the upper watershed (Lake Arrowhead area) and the lower watershed (Afton Canyon). DWR also encourages the Mojave RWMG to continue efforts to reach out to Twentynine Palms area and to continue coordination and cooperation regarding the minor overlap areas with the Antelope Valley IRWM Region.