TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MOJAVE WATER AGENCY REGIONAL RECHARGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT

Summary Statement:

At the Town of Apple Valley Goal Setting Workshop held February 15, 2008, Kirby Brill, General Manager of the Mojave Water Agency (MWA), presented the Town Council with a briefing on the Regional Recharge and Recovery Project. The Project (also known locally as "R-Cubed") was developed to balance future water demands with available supplies and to maximize the overall beneficial use of water throughout the High Desert.

Development of R-Cubed commenced in 2002 with the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC, in partnership with MWA, evaluated and confirmed priorities for the Project. Due largely in part to public and local agency endorsement, MWA was successful in securing \$25 million from Proposition 50 grant funding to support prioritized projects directly related to implementation of R-Cubed. At project completion, significant regional benefits will be realized with the establishment of a substantially increased reserve and additional reclamation access points throughout the Valley.

Support for the implementation of R-Cubed is integral to the continued health and prosperity of the High Desert as it will secure a long-term, sustainable water supply for the Town and neighboring cities.

Recommended Action:

Approve and Adopt Resolution Number 2008-14, supporting the Mojave Water Agency Regional Recharge and Recovery Project ("R-Cubed").

Proposed by: <u>Dennis Cron, Director of Public Services</u>	Item Number
T. M. Approval:	Budgeted Item ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Council Meeting Date: 4/08/08

RESOLUTION No. 2008-14

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY SUPPORTING THE MOJAVE WATER AGENCY REGIONAL RECHAGE AND RECOVER PROJECT (R-CUBED)

- **WHEREAS**, the Town of Apple Valley Town boundary lies entirely within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Mojave Water Agency (MWA), and
- **WHEREAS**, the MWA was established in response to concerns over the regional overdraft of groundwater resources, and
- **WHEREAS**, MWA, a water wholesaler, is one of 29 State Water Contractors with access to supplemental water from the California State Water Project, and
- **WHEREAS**, MWA's legal mandate is to "do any and every act necessary to be done so that sufficient water may be available for any present and future beneficial use of the lands and inhabitants of the Agency," and
- **WHEREAS**, consistent with the Mojave Area Basin Adjudication, MWA is to "develop conveyance or other facilities to deliver [this] supplemental water..." and
- **WHEREAS**, the Regional Recharge and Recovery Project is one of a portfolio of projects contained in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, a Plan developed by MWA in partnership with the MWA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), a community-based stakeholder group, and
- **WHEREAS**, the MWA TAC prioritized Plan projects and designated R-Cubed as a high priority project because of the numerous benefits it will bring to communities throughout the Victor Valley.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley supports the efforts of the MWA to implement and complete the R-Cubed project. With implementation of R-Cubed, the residents and businesses of the Town of Apple Valley can rest assured that the R-Cubed project will serve as a lifeline to ensure the delivery of a reliable water supply to supplement our groundwater basins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I commit my hand and the Seal of The Town of Apple Valley this 8th day of April, 2008.

Attest:	Tim Jasper, Mayor	
La Vonda M-Pearson, CMC, Town Clerk		

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