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### **State Water Project Provides High Quality Surface Water**

**Yucca Valley** – Water quality is important to everyone. That is why the Hi-Desert Water District conducts regular water quality testing to insure that it is safe. Samples are taken by water quality professionals employed by the District and certified by the State of California. HDWD employees recently took samples at Site 3, the recharge pond at Pioneertown Road and Sunnyslope. The samples were analyzed by a State certified lab which used a comprehensive method to measure hundreds of constituents in the water. Test results, in compliance with Title 22, revealed water imported through the State Water Project is high quality surface water.

A copy of the Title 22 water quality test results of the State Water Project water can be downloaded at [www.hdwd.com](http://www.hdwd.com).

“The water we deliver from the State Water Project meets or exceeds all primary and secondary state and federal drinking water standards,” said Jim Ventura, Mojave Water Agency Board member whose Division 2 includes the Morongo Basin area. “Since 1991 MWA has used SWP water for recharge operations throughout our entire jurisdiction and there have been no known instances of water degradation in water quality,” he added.

The State Water Project carries water from the Delta in northern California to the recharge basins in Yucca Valley where it replenishes the groundwater, is eventually extracted and served to customers.

If it were not for the foresight of the citizens who voted to bring water in by building the Morongo Basin pipeline, Yucca Valley would be still be depleting its aquifers. Since the natural recharge from rain is estimated to be only 86 acre-feet a year, as compared to the 3,200 acre-feet that is required each year to serve the customers of the District, the imported water is essential to the sustainability of our community. "Yucca Valley is fortunate to have access to quality water through the State Water Project, which has allowed us to recharge our aquifer and store water for periods of drought like the one California has been experiencing," said Hi-Desert Water District Board President Sheldon Hough. "I trust our team of qualified professionals employed by the District to monitor our water quality. They are serving not only you and I, but also their own families," he added.

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