

Attachment 9: Past Performance

County-Wide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program Local Groundwater Assistance Program Grant Application

Mojave Water Agency (MWA) has extensive history implementing grant agreements for a variety of projects. The Agency has received and successfully implemented a number of State and Federal grants over the last several years, including Proposition 50 funds for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects, funds from the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the National Resources Conservation Service, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

MWA recently received a positive interim performance audit from the State Department of Finance for our Proposition 50 IRWM implementation grant (Grant Agreement 4600007653, included in Att9_LGA12_Mojave_PERFORM_2of2.pdf).

DWR Proposition 50 Grants

Under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79500 et seq.), MWA was awarded \$25 million from DWR's IRWM grant program for projects. The following projects were partially funded with those grant monies:

- Regional Recharge and Recovery Project: This is a conjunctive use project currently under construction that will store State Water Project (SWP) water underground in the local aquifer and later recover and distribute the water to local retail water purveyors. The project is anticipated to be completed late 2012.
- Water Conservation Incentive Program (WCIP): The WCIP included a \$0.50-per-square-foot "cash-for-grass" rebate program for turf removal, and a toilet replacement and clothes washer replacement rebate program. The grant monies were used to fund the rebates to participating customers. This program was completed in 2009.
- Non-Native Species Removal: The project removed non-native plant species along the Mojave River in areas where the plants were consuming shallow groundwater or surface water. Tamarisk, Arrundo, and Russian Olive species were removed. The removal program was completed in late 2010.

United States Bureau of Reclamation

Under the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Grant Program, MWA received an award of \$16.9 million designated toward the following projects:

- Regional Recharge and Recovery Project: Same as above
- Oro Grande Wash Recharge Project: This project includes a connection to a siphon on the East Branch of the California Aqueduct, a pipeline that terminates in the Oro Grande Wash which will be used for groundwater recharge with State Project Water. The project will be completed in late 2012.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Under an earmark from the NRCS, MWA received \$1.7 million in federal funds toward the non-native species removal program (see above). The final payment was received from NRCS in early 2011.