

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

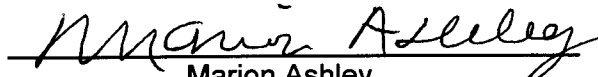
SUBMITTAL DATE: March 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors supporting the Mission Springs Water District Groundwater Protection Project.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors join me, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Council in supporting a resolution for the Mission Springs Water District.

BACKGROUND Approximately 5,500 customers within the Mission Springs Water District (MSWD) service area use individual septic systems for wastewater treatment. This has been the predominant method of wastewater disposal for over five decades. Since the mid-1970s, MSWD has been concerned about the possible contamination of the local groundwater basin from tank seepage and the community's continued reliance on septic systems. In 1997, the District determined that key improvements to its sewer collection system would be needed to protect its local drinking water supplies and local economy.

Recently, District voters approved the formation of a \$58 million sewer assessment district (AD12). This project is designed to remove existing septic tank systems and to finance the costs of additional improvements to the District sewer system. The "yes" vote assured \$28 million dollars in funding; now MSWD is working to secure the matching funds needed to bring the project's funding total to the \$57 million needed to complete the project. This resolution will assist in the application of grant funds.


Marion Ashley
5th District Supervisor