



Session 1

Nothing Grows Without Water



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Regional Recharge & Recovery (R³) Project

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Community led effort to develop solutions to tough challenges

- Active stakeholders participated in a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Incorporated input from member agencies, business leaders and community groups throughout the region
- TAC helped prioritize projects which formed a grant request for \$25 million from Prop. 50, a water bond approved by voters in 2002



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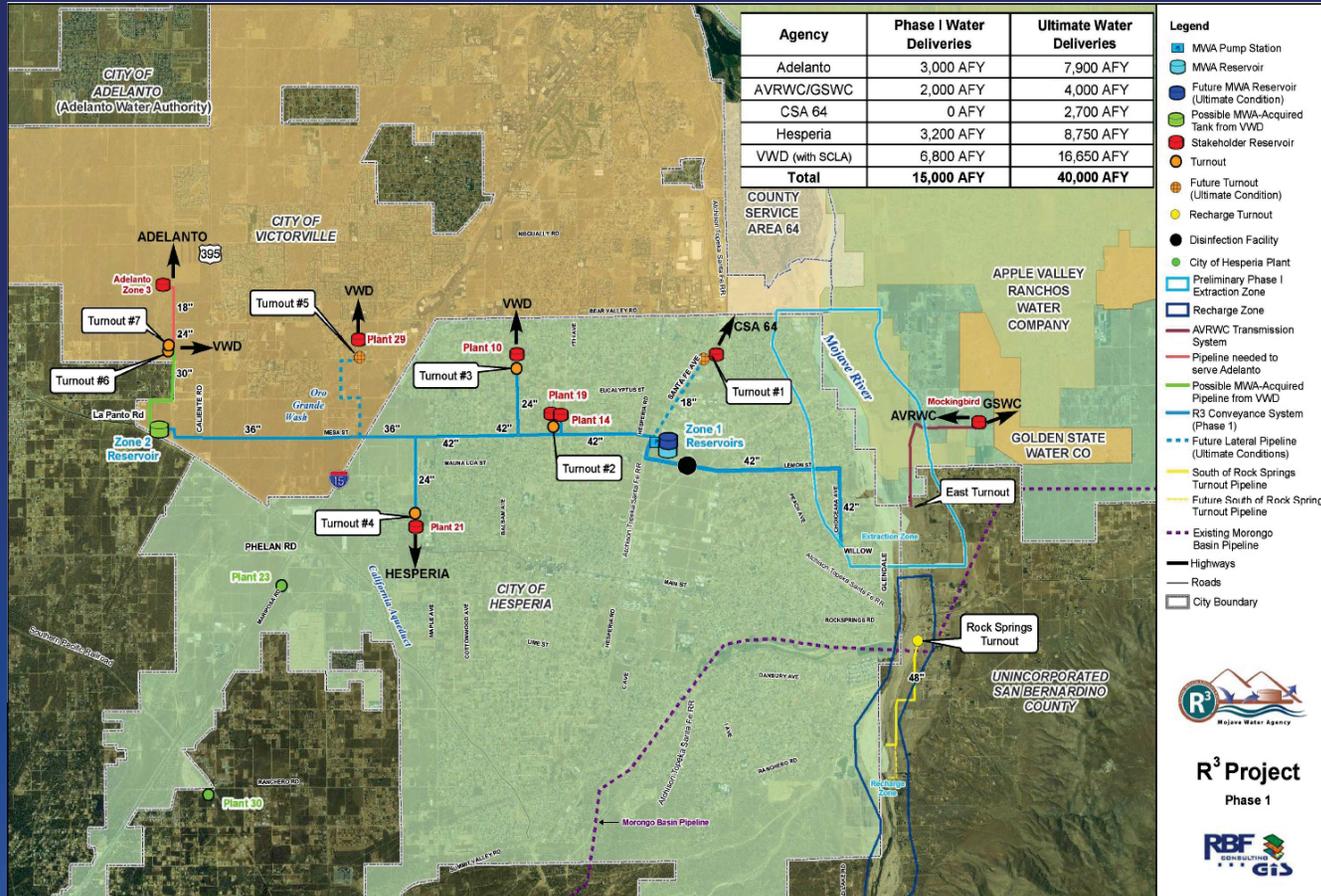
The R³ Project was born

- One of the projects developed by the TAC was the Regional Recharge and Recovery Project, R³
- Provides a regional approach to importing, storing and distributing water to providers in the High Desert
- Will leverage groundwater storage and our imported supply to meet the region's growing needs



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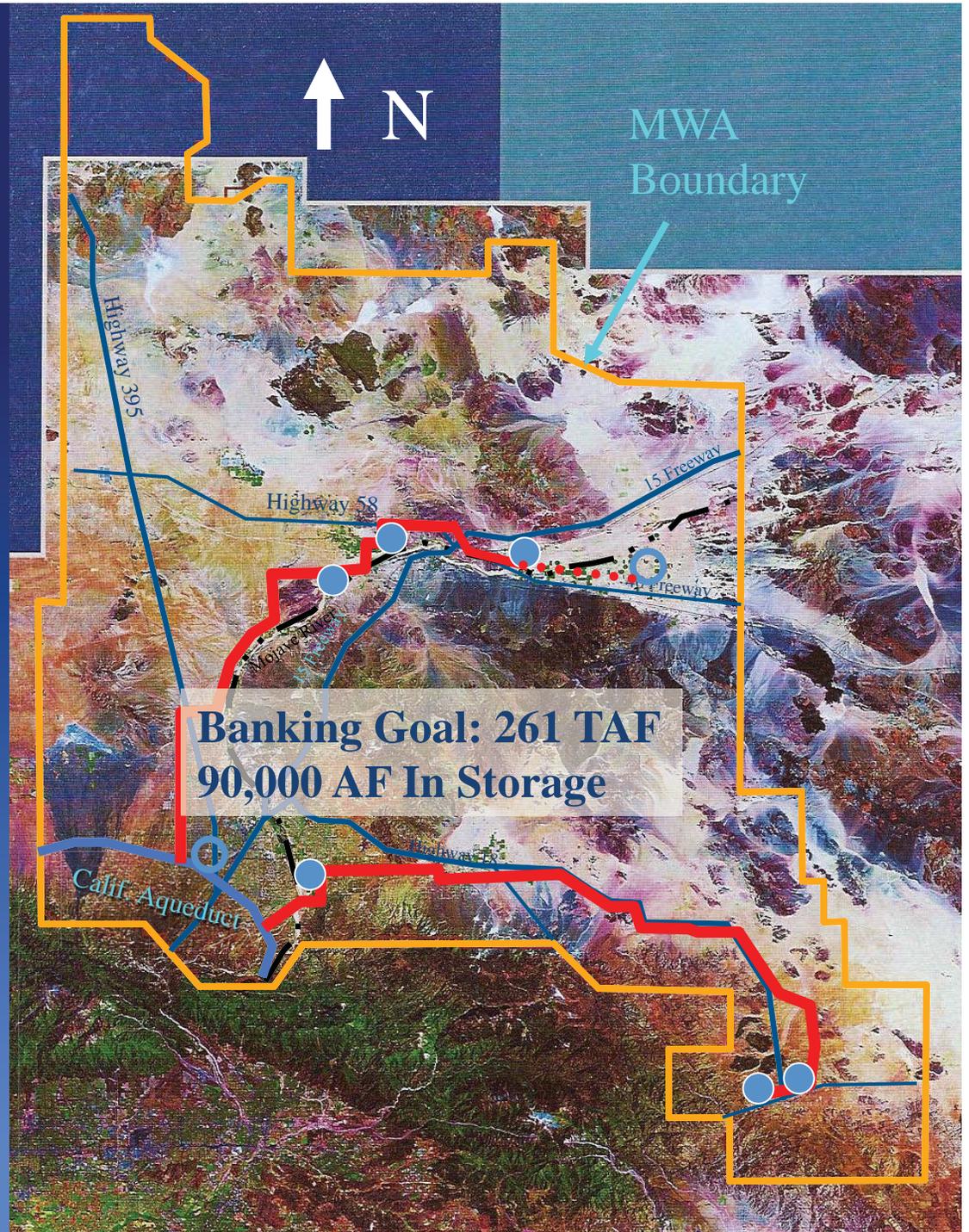
Provides regional benefits to multiple interests



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Future water demands from R³ will be met with stored water

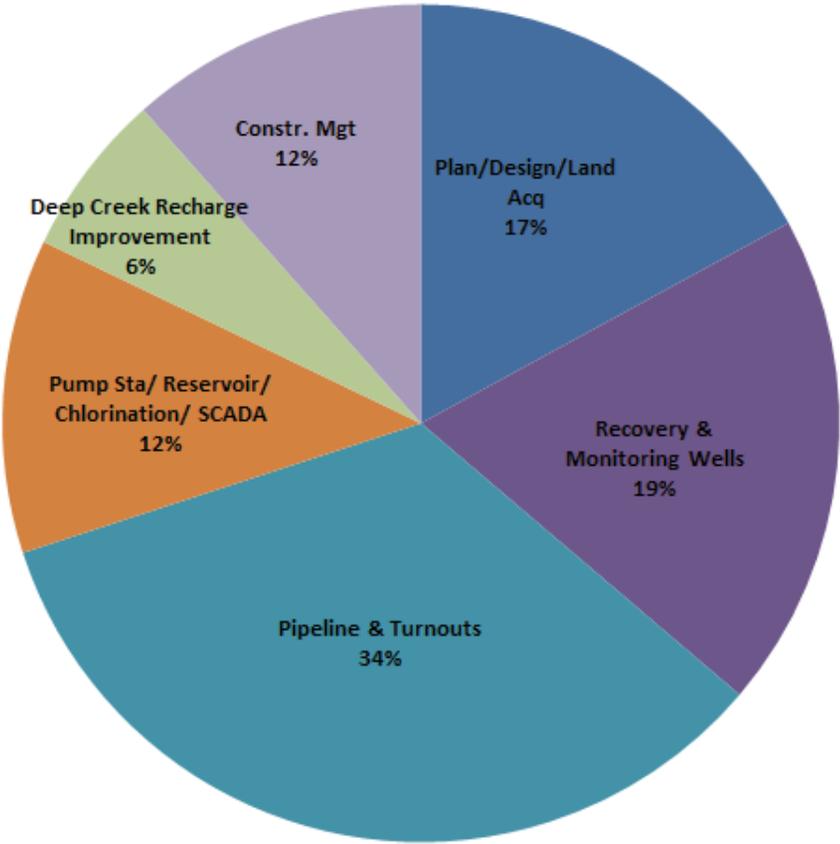
- Imported water will be stored in an established “Banking System” pursuant to the Judgment



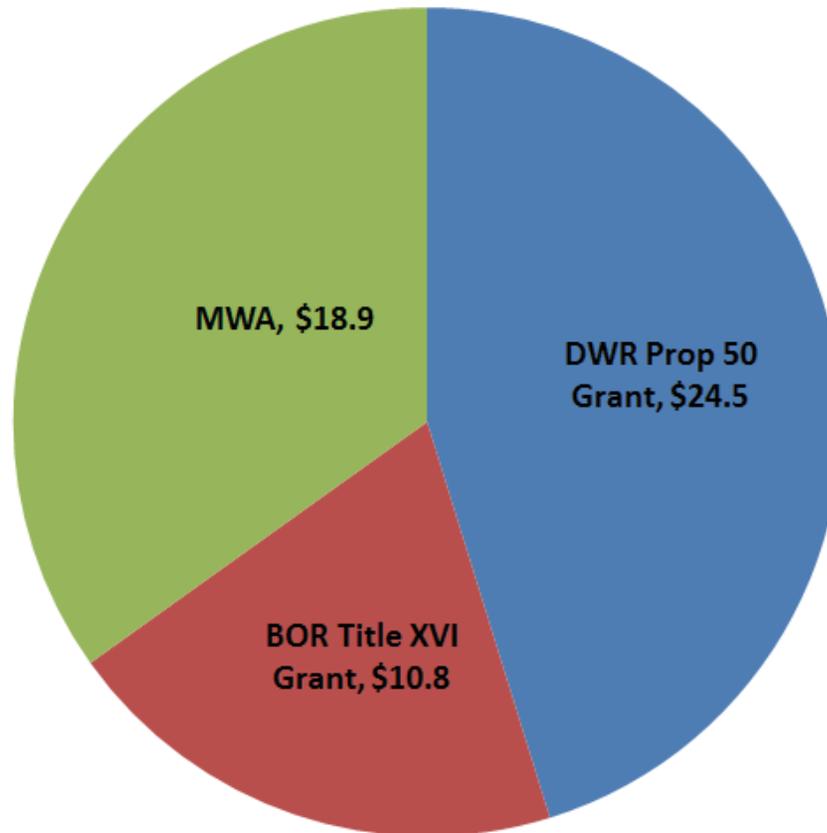
In Summary, R³:

- is part of a **comprehensive** solution developed by **stakeholders** to ensure a sustainable water supply for our region,
- is a regional project developed to serve **multiple** objectives and provide benefits for many **residents** of the High Desert,
- **recharges** our local aquifers using **high quality**, imported water from the State Water Project,
- allows for water to be **recovered** and **distributed** to local water purveyors to meet demands consistent with the **Judgment**, and
- is an essential part of the regional water management **portfolio** identified in MWA's Regional Water Management Plan.

**R³ TOTAL COST
\$54 Million**



**Integrated Planning Positioned The Region To
Receive \$35.3 Million In Grants Toward R3**



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