



## **PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY – JULY 16, 2010**

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### **Thunderstorms, flash floods can send trash and pollutants into Mojave River Watershed**

*Businesses and residents urged to take steps before storms hit to protect vital resource*

HIGH DESERT, Calif. (July 16, 2010) -- Severe weather that strikes the High Desert causing flash flooding can also send trash and other pollutants into the region's watershed, causing harm to our key source of drinking water.

Officials from the Mojave River Watershed Group urge all homeowners and businesses to take steps in advance of approaching storms to remove trash and other potentially harmful materials from gutters, driveways, parking lots and other areas subjected to heavy storm water runoff.

It's a fact: The High Desert cities of Victorville and Hesperia, the Town of Apple Valley, and the surrounding region rely on the expansive Mojave River Watershed for clean and plentiful supplies of drinking water. However, what's on the ground today could end up in our underground reservoirs tomorrow.

The Mojave River Watershed Group urges a safe approach to clean up. They encourage the appropriate disposal of litter, pet waste, motor oil spills and other pollutants, especially when severe weather is approaching.

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