



DCA Member Agency Overview: Desert Water Agency

Desert Water Agency was founded as a groundwater management agency in the western Coachella Valley in 1961 and started providing water service to customers in Palm Springs and Cathedral City in 1968. DWA is one of only 29 state water contractors in California. This gives our agency the ability to import water, which is used to recharge our groundwater basin (the main source of water in our desert).



Service Area
325 square miles



Boundary Population
108,000 (plus seasonal)



Retail Connections
24,000



Imported Water
100% from State Water Project



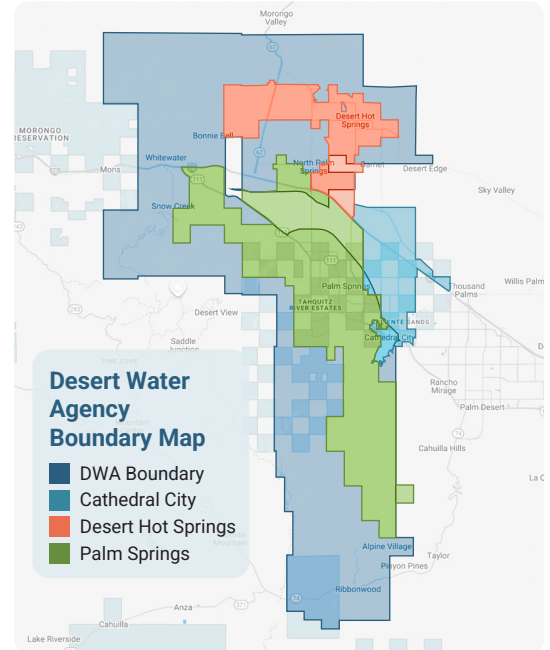
“Water supports our economy and community. We are in an arid region and a reliable water supply is key. We are lucky to be on top of a large groundwater basin that Desert Water Agency helps keep healthy with replenishment. That wouldn’t be possible without the State Water Project. Our businesses and families rely on the continued success and reliability of it.”

Nona Watson – CEO, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce



“Like any essential infrastructure, the State Water Project requires continued investment and modernization. The Delta Conveyance Project represents the next generation of improvements to ensure a reliable water supply – so communities like ours can continue to thrive even as California faces more severe climate challenges.”

Esther Saenz – General Manager, Desert Water Agency



Engineering a Reliable Water Supply for California

The DCA’s mission is to plan, permit, design, and build a modernized state-of-the-art, sustainable, resilient, environmentally responsive, and cost-effective Delta Conveyance Project that resolves the long-standing need to assure affordable State Water Project reliability serving future generations of Californians in a way that respects the uniqueness of the Delta as a place and its communities.