

Keep Our Water

Proud History of Success

Mission Springs Water District has successfully and solely managed groundwater for the greater Desert Hot Springs community since 1953.

Local control of our groundwater is critical because it means that our community remains in control of our destiny – our water, our economic growth, and our future.

But that future is threatened...

Threat to Desert Hot Springs

DWA, whose board oversees its own retail water service in Palm Springs, now has the authority to dictate if, when, where, and how much water MSWD can pump to serve Desert Hot Springs, now and in the future.

This not only threatens MSWD's ability to serve our customers but also threatens the future growth and prosperity of Desert Hot Springs. Local control must be protected, particularly for disadvantaged communities like Desert Hot Springs

MSWD has taken legal action as we fight to preserve local control of Desert Hot Springs and to ensure that we can continue to provide our customers with the reliable, award-winning water they have come to expect from MSWD.

Local Control Seized by DWA

The state Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local agencies to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to manage groundwater within their boundaries.

Despite protests and numerous meeting requests from MSWD and the City of Desert Hot Springs, Desert Water Agency unilaterally elected itself to be the exclusive GSA controlling the groundwater basins serving Desert Hot Springs and the surrounding community.

Supporting Documents

Myth/Fact Sheet 122.41 KB

Water Rights Study Group Final Report English 563.22 KB

Water Rights Study Group Final Report Spanish 570.1 KB