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Searles Valley Minerals Launches "Protect Our Valley's Water" coalition to Safeguard Local Water

Trona, CA – Searles Valley Minerals is pleased to announce the launch of *Protect Our Valley's Water*, a coalition dedicated to ensuring a reliable and affordable water supply for Ridgecrest and surrounding communities. The coalition is committed to protecting our water resources and opposes detrimental policies such as the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority's plan to impose exorbitant Replenishment Fees to pay for an unaffordable Pipeline Project.

Protect Our Valley's Water, founded by Searles Valley Minerals, brings together a diverse coalition of local residents, experts, and advocates who believe in the power of community action and the importance of sustainable solutions.

"As a longstanding member of this community, Searles Valley Minerals is proud to launch Protect Our Valley's Water," said Dennis Cruise, CEO at Searles Valley Minerals. "Our coalition is dedicated to safeguarding our water future through informed advocacy and community engagement."

Community members are invited to visit the coalition's new website, www.protectourwater.info, where they can learn more about the coalition's mission, sign up for the E-Newsletter to stay informed, and join the effort to protect local water resources, while utilizing the most current scientific data analysis regarding the true state of our water basin. Updates on coalition activities can also be found by following Searles Valley Minerals on Facebook.

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About Protect Our Valley's Water

The mission of Protect Our Valley's Water is to educate and empower the residents of Ridgecrest and surrounding communities to take action against policies that threaten our water supply and to advocate for rational, affordable solutions.