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NEWS RELEASE

December 6, 2017

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

Emeritus Engineer-Manager Clifford E. Trotter

The Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (District) is saddened by the death of Clifford E. Trotter, who passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Cliff Trotter served as the first long-term Manager of the District from December 1, 1967 through September 30, 1995 (28 years). Cliff lead the initial administration of the District's project, which was of unprecedented scope and complexity and has been providing valuable water service to District landowners. Cliff's unselfish contributions in time, energy, ideas, and leadership have been of paramount importance in preserving and enhancing the local economy as well as in achieving the District's objectives.

Cliff was instrumental in managing the District's water and power service contracts with the United States Department of the Interior, establishing the Cross Valley Canal Exchange contracts which resulted in construction of the Cross Valley Canal a vital conveyance facility for Kern County, and he initiated the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California water management program negotiations, among many other numerous achievements. Under his tenure, the District imported over 4.1 million acre-feet of new water supplies to the area, which, among other benefits, mitigated groundwater overdraft in the District.

Cliff also served as Manager of the Terra Bella Irrigation District from June 1961 to 1967 before coming to the District, and he was instrumental in expanding their system. In 1951, Cliff earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics with an Agricultural Engineering minor from UCLA. In 1944, Cliff served for the US Navy.

Cliff loved to farm, he had a "can do" attitude and he led a colorful life. We will miss his numerous phone calls and his love of touring the District.

Memorial services for Cliff Trotter will be held on Friday, December 8th at Hodel's Restaurant beginning at 3:00 pm.