

DWA inks deal to conserve resource

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The Desert Water Agency directors agreed Tuesday to work with Silver Spring, Md.-based power generation company, CPV (Competitive Power Ventures) Sentinel LLC to conserve more drinking water annually in Palm Springs and other parts of the Coachella Valley.

CPV Sentinel will permit and build a power generating facility in an area south of Desert Hot Springs and north of Palm Springs, according to an agency release. The two organizations' partnership is meant to secure more imported water supplies to keep the power generation project replenished.

The power generation company will give the water agency a total amount not to exceed \$2.5 million to increase recycled water usage and help residential water customers better utilize irrigation water, according to the release and agency General Manager David Luker.

“It's not often that people help you secure power,” said F. Thomas Kieley, president of the agency board. “It's a firm deal to provide a replacement for all those resources, plus some. It's a win-win for everyone.”

All additional conservation projects proposed are subject to California Energy Commission consideration and approval.