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Borrego Springs, CA: The Borrego Water District announced the completion of its negotiations with Cameron Brothers Construction Co., L.P., owners of the Club Circle Par-3 Golf Course, for a new lease agreement covering the maintenance of the golf course. The new lease runs through June 30, 2015, replacing a 20 year lease proposed by then General Manager, Rich Williamson, and approved on November 23, 2010 by the former Water District Board. The previous 20 year lease obligated the District to an annual loss of up to \$62,000, requiring the District to employ a full time employee. Under the terms of the new 5 year renewable lease, the golf course maintenance expenses are significantly reduced and are covered fully by current CSD fees collected from homeowners whose property values are affected by their proximity to the course. In addition, instead of having BWD employees perform course maintenance, the BWD today signed a management agreement with Bob Moore, Green Desert Landscape, to manage and maintain the course. Moore will take over the administrative management of the course, perform all maintenance duties and immediately begin work to reduce the amount of water used on the course. Cameron Bros decision to renegotiate the previous lease was key to a successful resolution as was their willingness to provide irrigation water for the course. According to Board President Beth Hart, the new lease and management agreement create a win-win for both the Community and ratepayers: significant changes to the course will improve the recreational opportunities for the community while eliminating a significant financial cost to the District and avoiding an increase in CSD fees.