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## **West Basin Municipal Water District Opens Water Recycling Plant and Conducts Tours In Support of Coastal Commission's COASTWEEKS Program**

EL SEGUNDO – West Basin Municipal Water District is conducting public tours of its Edward C. Little water purification plant on Saturday, October 10, 2009, in support of the Coastal Commission's COASTWEEKS program. The public is invited to take a tour, see how sewer water can be made into near-distilled water in a matter of minutes, and meet some live ocean animals (hosted by SEALab, West Basin's partner in COASTWEEKS) who are protected by this water conservation effort. To sign up for the tour, call 310-660-6200. Registration is first come, first served.

West Basin's water recycling plant is the only water purification plant in the world that produces five types of waters for industrial, commercial and governmental use. West Basin's recycling program has a direct and positive impact on the ocean and Santa Monica Bay -- each day the reuse of this sewer water means that 5 tons of biosolids do not go to the ocean.

COASTWEEKS takes place from September 19 through October 11. The California Coastal Commission sponsors various events around the state to bring attention to protecting our ocean and beaches. It is a three week celebration of our coastal resources that begins with the [Coastal Cleanup Day](#), when 70,000 Californians come together across the state to keep our coasts and inland waterways free of debris. (Visit [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov) for further information about COASTWEEKS events around the state.)

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West Basin Municipal Water District provides a safe and reliable supply of imported and recycled water to 17 cities throughout the South Bay, including Carson, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, West Hollywood, portions of the cities of Los Angeles and Torrance, and several unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County. West Basin is committed to water reliability, water quality, sound financial and resource management, customer service, and environmental stewardship.