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WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RECOGNIZED BY CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS FOR 'GETTING SERIOUS' ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION

SACRAMENTO, CA -- Acknowledging West Basin's commitment to building reliability into our regional water supply and decreasing our dependence on imported water, Assembly Member Curren D. Price, Jr. (51st District) presented West Basin Directors Donald Dear, Gloria Gray, Carol Kwan, and Ronald C. (Ron) Smith with a formal Resolution on the Assembly Floor, this morning, to congratulate West Basin for its proactive approach with its cities and customer agencies to adopt Metropolitan Water District's 'Its Time to Get Serious' water conservation campaign.

West Basin's service area includes 17 cities and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County. West Basin has reached out to all of its 17 cities to encourage their councils to implement a two-step process: (1) adopt an 'It's Time to Get Serious' resolution, and (2) commit to working on their local ordinances to improve city-wide water conservation practices, consider using recycled water where practical, and support the development of new water sources. By the end of this month, 14 of those 17 cities will have adopted the 'It's time to get serious' resolution. Some cities are already working on their ordinances.

The 17 Cities within West Basin's service area include 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, and West Hollywood. West Basin's customer agencies include Cal Water Service Co., Golden State Water Co., Cal American, and County Waterworks District No. 29.

Stressing the importance of water reliability, Assembly Member Price said, "West Basin is demonstrating tremendous leadership for our communities, not only by encouraging practical conservation measures that people can use in their homes and businesses, but by providing an alternative, and largely under-tapped, supply of recycled water that can be used for landscapes, industrial purposes, and even in street sweepers. Maintaining a reliable supply of water is a critical, serious issue and West Basin is creating real, cost-effective solutions, today, for our near-future and long-term water needs."

West Basin will continue working with its cities and customer agencies to review and revise their ordinances to implement measures consistent with the 'It's Time to Get Serious' campaign. Though each City's ordinance will be tailored to meet the unique needs of its constituents, some revisions may include reference to installing conservation devices when retrofitting buildings, using recycled water for city medians and landscaping, and other such water-saving practices.

West Basin Municipal Water District is committed to improving local water reliability through water recycling, water conservation, and developing other alternative water supplies. West Basin is a recognized leader in the production of recycled water, has won several awards for its leadership, planning and design of its recycled water facility, and supplies 30 million gallons of recycled water throughout the South Bay each day, replacing enough precious drinking water to supply 60,000 households annually.