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**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD HONORS  
LOCAL WATER LEADER BILL WRIGHT**

*Metropolitan Water District Board Member of 19 years Retires*

CARSON, Calif. – Bill Wright, Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Member, announced his retirement after nearly 20 years of service. Wright joined the MWD Board in 1994 and most recently served as Vice Chair of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee. As a member agency of MWD, the West Basin Municipal Water District Board (West Basin) honored Wright for his years of service and influence in the water industry at the July Board meeting.

“Bill has become a familiar face at West Basin, not only as a water expert, but as an educator and friend. His passion for water issues will be greatly missed and we wish him well on his future endeavors,” said Board President Carol W. Kwan.

Wright was an active member of the Association of California Water Agencies, National Water Resources Association and the Colorado River Water Users Association. He was also an alternate member of the Colorado River Board of California. In addition, he served as a member on the MWD Audit and Ethics Committee, Special Committee on Bay-Delta, Engineering and Operations Committee and Real Property and Asset Management Committee.

Wright is a long-standing water expert representing the city of Torrance. He served on the Torrance Water Commission from 1976 to 1984 and on the Torrance Environmental Commission from 1984 to 1992. In 1993, Wright received his second community service award from the Torrance City Council for his work on these commissions.

Wright taught physics for 29 years at West High School in Torrance before retiring in June 1993. He also taught summer school courses in oceanography for 11 years, with units about local freshwater aquifers and Torrance's seawater intrusion problem. In 1984, he was first saluted for his experimental work teaching local high school students about solar energy processes. In 1987, Southern California Edison honored Wright with its “Outstanding Teacher Award”.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area. West Basin is reducing its dependence on imported water through its Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean water to its portfolio by the year 2020. Visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*

Photo Attached: Bill Wright with West Basin Board Members Receiving Proclamation  
Photo from left to right: Edward C. Little (West Basin); Ronald C. (Ron) Smith (West Basin); Carol W. Kwan (West Basin); Bill Wright (MWD); Gloria D. Gray (West Basin); and Donald L. Dear (West Basin).



Photo Attached: West Basin Board Members Congratulate Bill Wright  
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