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**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER AND L.A. COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS SECURE
\$452,000 IN PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING FOR WATER AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS**

State Department of Water Resources grant to focus on Topanga and Malibu areas

CARSON, Calif. -- West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), in partnership with Los Angeles Waterworks Districts, a division of County Public Works, will soon launch a water and energy efficiency upgrade program for schools, hotels and other facilities in the Topanga and Malibu areas. West Basin will also work with the City of Malibu to promote the program to eligible sites. High-efficiency toilets and urinals, water efficient shower heads and aerators, kitchen aerators, Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs and smart irrigation controllers will be installed to save water and energy.

West Basin will manage the program, beginning with a competitive bidding process in September to select a firm to conduct high-efficiency device installations.

The project lifetime water and energy savings are estimated to be 485 million gallons of water, 28.4 million kWh of electricity and 1.1 million therms of natural gas. It is estimated that the improvements will be complete in December, 2013.

The \$566,000 program is primarily funded by a \$452,000 Prop. 84 grant from the State Department of Water Resources, with \$114,000 coming from the Waterworks Districts, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The grant funding was secured through the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan which is a collaborative, regional watershed group of various water stakeholders who work together to identify regional solutions to water problems.

This water and energy efficiency project is part of West Basin's Water Reliability (WR) 2020 program, which will reduce West Basin's dependence on imported water from 66% today to 33% by the year 2020. WR 2020 will help meet the growing water needs in Southern California and reduce energy use over importing water from Northern California.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is reducing its dependence on imported water through the Water Reliability 2020 program by doubling conservation and recycled water production and adding desalted ocean-water to our portfolio by the year 2020. Partnering with community organizations, businesses and other public agencies keeps West Basin lean and strengthens its programs. West Basin is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area in the coastal Los Angeles area. www.westbasin.org

Established in 1959, **LA County Waterworks District 29** is a public water system whose mission is to provide reliable, high-quality water and responsive customer care in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner. District 29 serves the Malibu area with 7,450 service connections and a population of approximately 20,000 people. <http://ladpw.org/>