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NEW GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION PROGRAM

Public facilities are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 to help community members stay hydrated by replacing aging drinking fountains with high-quality water bottle filling stations

CARSON, Calif. – The West Basin Municipal Water District has re-opened applications for public facilities to apply for grant funding for up to \$1,000 to install water bottle filling stations. The popular program provides community members with more access to safe and reliable tap water to refill their personal, eco-friendly reusable water bottles.

Since launching a pilot program in 2017, West Basin has installed 13 water bottle filling stations throughout its service area. These stations prevent the use of approximately 68,000 plastic water bottles annually, decreasing the potentially harmful environmental impacts of single-use plastics while also providing access to free, high-quality water at local schools, community centers and parks.

“Our popular water bottle filling station program showcases the District’s commitments to water quality and environmental stewardship,” said West Basin Board President Donald L. Dear. “We hope that the public facilities within our service area continue to take advantage of the funding available to upgrade their old drinking fountains with this new technology offered through West Basin’s grant program.”

Eligible public facility grant applicants must be located in the District service area and meet all criteria specified in the application guidelines. Additional details regarding grant eligibility and the funding application forms are available at www.westbasin.org/fillingstations. Applications will be received and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

Cities and public facilities that have been awarded grant funding and have completed installation of new water bottle filling stations include:

- Bixby Marshland-Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, LA County Sanitation District
- Center Street School, El Segundo
- City of El Segundo
- City of Gardena
- City of Hawthorne
- City of Hermosa Beach
- City of Inglewood
- City of Malibu
- City of Manhattan Beach
- City of Rolling Hills Estates
- Environmental Charter High School, Lawndale
- Lennox Middle School, Lennox
- Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Palos Verdes

All eligible public facilities have the opportunity to re-apply for additional funds. For questions regarding application submissions, please contact Leighanne Kirk, Program Manager, Water Bottle Filling Station Program, via email at LeighanneK@westbasin.org.

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that provides imported drinking water to nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin is an industry leader in water conservation, recycling and education. The District is implementing a Water Reliability program to reduce the agency’s dependence on imported water and

develop local, drought-proof water supplies. This includes water conservation, recycling, groundwater desalting and the exploration of ocean water desalination. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.