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WEST BASIN EXPANDS RECYCLED WATER USE AT TORRANCE COMMERCE CENTER

New Buildings at Former Toyota Campus to Save 1 Million Gallons of Drinking Water per Year

CARSON, Calif. – The [West Basin Municipal Water District](http://www.westbasin.org) (West Basin) announced the completion of a new recycled water project at the Torrance Commerce Center (Center). The Center, which is located on the former Toyota North American Headquarters property, will use recycled water instead of drinking water to irrigate the landscape surrounding three new buildings. The project will save approximately 1 million gallons of drinking water per year for the center, city and region.

West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray recognized how the partnership with local developer, the Sares Regis Group, creates a long-term eco-friendly water supply for landscape beautification that is beneficial for the campus and the region. “The new recycled water connection saves drinking water, increases environmental sustainability, and maintains green spaces in Torrance and the South Bay community at large,” said Gray.

Patrick Russell, Senior Vice President, Development from the Sares Regis Group, noted, “Our organization invested in a recycled water distribution pipeline to create value and build a sustainable environment that uses water more efficiently. West Basin has been a great partner in achieving these goals.”

West Basin will produce approximately three acre-feet per year (AFY) of recycled water for the Center, saving 1 million gallons of fresh water for other potable uses. One acre-foot is equivalent to approximately 330,000 gallons, enough water to serve about three households annually.

The Torrance Commerce Center is the 56th site in the city to be connected with recycled water, continuing the beneficial practice of increasing local water supply reliability by using a drought-proof supply. Additional plans are currently underway to expand recycled water to six other sites at Torrance parks, schools and medians.

Carol Kwan, director of Division III that includes a portion of Torrance, said, “West Basin thanks Torrance for its longstanding partnership in building the recycled water infrastructure in the city. As one of our first partners, this is an important environmental achievement through water use efficiency.”

West Basin maintains more than 450 recycled water system connections for municipal and industrial customers. The District has produced more than 200 billion gallons of recycled water since 1995, saving more than 200 billion gallons of drinking water. For more information about West Basin’s recycled water program, please visit <https://www.westbasin.org/water-supplies/recycled-water>.

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, as well as conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.