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**DONALD L. DEAR ELECTED WEST BASIN BOARD PRESIDENT**  
*District Announces Officers for 2022*

**CARSON, Calif.** – At the regular meeting of the [West Basin Municipal Water District](http://www.westbasin.org) board of directors today, the board elected the following four Board officers: President Donald L. Dear; Vice President Scott Houston; Treasurer Desi Alvarez; and Secretary Gloria D. Gray. In addition, Harold C. Williams, MSCE, P.E. was named immediate past president.

“This year is a critical period for West Basin. We are facing an ongoing drought, encouraging our communities to increase water savings, and looking forward to bringing more recycled water projects online,” said 2022 Board President Dear. “It is my honor to lead the board and district in its water reliability endeavors.”

The president has the primary responsibility of interpreting the policies, programs and needs of the District to the public; and facilitates the appointment of committees and assignment of representatives to affiliate organizations. Dear is the Division V director representing the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale and unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of El Camino Village.

Dear has a respected record of public service, including nine consecutive terms as Gardena mayor and 37 years as an award-winning teacher at Stephen White Middle School in Carson before retiring. Dear currently serves on the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (since 2004), an independent public agency with jurisdiction over the boundaries of cities and certain special districts.

West Basin is governed by a five-member board of directors who are publicly elected to represent 17 cities throughout its 185-square mile service area in coastal Los Angeles County. Williams represents the Division I cities of Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and unincorporated Los Angeles County area of Rancho Dominguez. Gray represents the Division II city of Inglewood and unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Lennox, South Ladera Heights, West Athens and Westmont. Alvarez represents the Division III cities of Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and a portion of Torrance. Houston represents the Division IV cities of Culver City, El Segundo, Malibu, West Hollywood and unincorporated LA County areas of Del Aire, Lennox, Marina del Rey, North Ladera Heights, Topanga, View Park, Windsor Hills and Wiseburn.

For more information on West Basin’s board and committees, please visit <http://www.westbasin.org/board-directors>.

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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](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*