



February 15, 2018
Katie Casey, Public Information Specialist
310-650-1239 | KatieC@westbasin.org

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO DOUBLE CAPACITY OF WATER RECYCLING EFFORTS AT HYPERION WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

CARSON, Calif. – [West Basin Municipal Water District](#) (West Basin) announces today that the public agency has signed a memorandum of agreement to partner with the City of Los Angeles to launch a pilot program at the City’s Hyperion Water Treatment Facility that will improve water quality at Hyperion and increase production of recycled water for the City and West Basin service area.

This expanded partnership joins West Basin, the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to almost double the City’s recycling capacity at Hyperion from approximately 40 to 70 million gallons of water per day (MGD) in order to conserve potable water supplies and provide a locally-controlled water resource.

“This pilot demonstrates a collaborative effort and regional commitment to the reuse of our valuable water resources,” said West Basin Board President Donald L. Dear. “As West Basin continues to diversify its supply portfolio and grow its water recycling program, we look forward to expanding our partnership with the City of Los Angeles and addressing our water goals together.”

“Increasing our supply of locally sourced water is key to a more sustainable, resilient future,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “Southern California shares a dependence on imported water, so it’s our collective responsibility to become a more self-supporting region. Today’s agreement to double the water recycling capacity of this critical treatment facility signifies a greater commitment to secure the future of this precious resource.”

The Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant Pilot is expected to be completed in 2020 and upon its success achieve full 70 MGD capacity by 2026. In an average year, Los Angeles imports approximately 80 percent of its water. Mayor Garcetti’s Sustainable City pLAN calls for supplying 50 percent of the City’s water locally by 2035. Increasing the City’s water recycling is an important component towards achieving this goal, and the City will rely on West Basin’s innovative technology and resources as an expert in wastewater recycling to expand its program.

West Basin currently purifies more than 40 million gallons of water each day at the West Basin Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo, Calif. to provide recycled water to more than 200 sites throughout its 185-square mile service area. In addition to receiving a more sustainable and drought-resilient water supply, West Basin’s recycled water customers experience fiscal benefits including an average of 20-30 percent cost savings. For more information regarding West Basin’s water recycling program, visit <http://www.westbasin.org/water-supplies/recycled-water>.

###

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.