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## **GLORIA D. GRAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WEST BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*District Announces Officers for 2020*

**CARSON, Calif.** – At the January board meeting, the [West Basin Municipal Water District](http://www.westbasin.org) board of directors elected Gloria D. Gray to serve as its board president and Harold C. Williams to serve as its board vice president for 2020. Directors Carol W. Kwan and Donald L. Dear were named board treasurer and board secretary.

“I look forward to providing leadership to the West Basin board and I am honored to be elected by my colleagues to serve as the board president for 2020,” said President Gray. “As a board, we will continue to protect our existing water supply through our innovative water management and water-efficiency programs, while also securing local, drought-resilient resources for the communities we serve.”

Gray was first elected to the West Basin board of directors in 2006 and was re-elected in 2018. She represents the Division II city of Inglewood and unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Lennox, South Ladera Heights, West Athens and Westmont. Gray was also appointed to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors in 2009 to serve as one of two West Basin representatives. In 2018, she was elected Chair of the MWD Board, where she is currently serving a two-year term. Gray is the second woman and first person of color to serve as Chair of the MWD Board.

Serving as vice president, Director Harold C. 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. Director Carol W. Kwan, who represents the Division III cities of Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and a portion of Torrance, will serve as treasurer. Director Donald L. Dear, who represents the Division V cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale and unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of El Camino Village, will serve as secretary.

West Basin’s board organization occurs annually at its January board meeting. The president of the board will facilitate the appointment of committees and assignment of representatives to affiliate organizations, and shall have the primary responsibility for interpreting the policies, programs and needs of the District to the public. For more information on West Basin’s board, please visit <http://www.westbasin.org/board-directors>.

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. The District is committed to providing a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to its communities.

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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.*