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## **WEST BASIN ANNOUNCES 2020 PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

*District reopens facility to public with free facility tours and water education classes*

**CARSON, Calif.** –[West Basin Municipal Water District](http://www.westbasin.org) (West Basin) announced the schedule of its public outreach programs for 2020, which include the return of its popular Lunch and Learn class series, Water 101 class and free Saturday public tours of its Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility (ECLWRF) in El Segundo.

The Water Education Center (WEC), located at the ECLWRF, was closed to the public during its renovations since early 2018 and is now reopen to the public. It is expected to attract over 20,000 people each year through its free public outreach and education programs.

“The return of West Basin’s outreach programs allows the community to stay informed on water supply issues in their community,” said West Basin Board President Gloria Gray. “Water education is a necessary tool to empower local residents and businesses with knowledge and skills to practice and promote good water stewardship throughout the region.”

West Basin’s Lunch and Learn classes provide service area residents the opportunity to learn about local water issues, available community programs and the District’s efforts to secure the region’s water supplies. Classes are led by District subject-matter experts and will cover topics including: Water Supply Reliability, Water-Use Efficiency and Water Desalination. The series will consist of seven classes, which take place at the WEC on the first Friday of each month from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., beginning February 7, with lunch provided. The District will also host a Water 101 class at the WEC on Wednesday, March 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

“West Basin’s commitment to ensure water reliability is deeply rooted in educating the community,” said President Gray. “The District prioritizes community outreach programs to ensure residents are informed of current water supply challenges and better understand West Basin’s solutions.”

Enhancements to the WEC include renovation of educational displays and the expansion of the conference room spaces which can now host community group meetings and professional water industry conferences. Free public tours of the ECLWRF are also available and will provide an opportunity to see the recycled water production process first-hand and learn about the five types of customer-tailored water that the District produces. Tours are available one Saturday per month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For the full program schedule, more information about West Basin’s public outreach programs and to register for a class or workshop, visit: [www.westbasin.org/free-public-programs](http://www.westbasin.org/free-public-programs). Advance registration is required for all classes and tours.

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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.*