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WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SURFRIDER FOUNDATION'S TEACH AND TEST PROGRAM FOR THE 14TH YEAR

CARSON, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Division III Director Carol W. Kwan presented a \$9,000 check to the Surfrider Foundation South Bay Chapter on November 17 in support of their Teach and Test Program, a volunteer high school water quality monitoring project for the Santa Monica Bay.

"We are proud to sponsor the Teach and Test Program for the 14th year in a row," said Kwan. "The program empowers local students to understand water quality and take action to secure a reliable water supply for the future. I commend students who volunteer to make a difference in our communities."

The South Bay Chapter's Teach and Test Program is part of Surfrider Foundation's Blue Water Task Force, a volunteer-run water testing, education, and advocacy program. The program introduces high school students to water quality and supply issues, exposes them to environmental science careers, and supports both West Basin's and the community's effort to monitor and protect the health of the local watershed.

"The Surfrider Foundation's South Bay Teach and Test Program enrich students' education through authentic science experiences to enlist them to influence their communities in positive ways. I am overjoyed when we are able to spark the interest and curiosity of young people in science and the environment," said Surfrider Foundation South Bay Director and Teach and Test Co-Chair Mary Simun.

West Basin has been the program sponsor since 2006, providing annual funding to supply program equipment, materials, and lab technician services. For photos, water sample results and more information, visit <http://www.westbasin.org/community-education/teach-and-test-program>.

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