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WEST BASIN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR POTENTIAL OCEAN WATER DESALINATION FACILITY ENDS JUNE 25, 2018

District to provide responses to comments and prepare final report in next stage of the process

CARSON, Calif. – Public comment and input on the draft environmental impact report (EIR) for the potential [West Basin Municipal Water District](#) (West Basin) ocean water desalination facility in El Segundo, Calif. is a critical component of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

West Basin welcomes public input, as it helps to inform and refine the proposed project. The District is committed to presenting a thorough analysis and final EIR report, and will maintain transparency throughout the EIR process for this potential project.

Due to interest and requests from neighboring cities for additional time to review the draft document, West Basin provided the community a 91-day public comment period, extending public comment to more than double the 45 days required under law by CEQA. The public comment period for the draft EIR for the potential ocean water desalination project will end Monday, June 25, 2018 at 5 p.m.

Following the close of the public review and comment period, West Basin will respond formally to all comments submitted in regards to the draft EIR. Once responses have been prepared and appropriate revisions are made, a final EIR and a Response-to-Comments document will be released. All members of the public who provided comment to the draft EIR will be notified upon the availability and public review of the final EIR.

The West Basin Board of Directors will then schedule a public hearing to consider certifying the EIR based upon the final report's completeness. Certification of the final EIR does not support or reject the proposed project; it is confirmation that the EIR informs the community and the Board of Directors of the potential environmental impacts that may be expected and has been prepared in compliance with CEQA.

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments on the draft EIR may be submitted at a meeting, via mail or hand-delivery to the West Basin Municipal Water District office (17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA 90746), via e-mail at DesalEIR@westbasin.org, or via an [online comment form](#).

The report and supporting document are available online at www.westbasin.org/desal. For additional questions regarding the draft EIR, please contact the West Basin at (310) 660-6232 or DesalEIR@westbasin.org.

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ABOUT WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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.