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## **'OUTSTANDING' WEST BASIN, UNITED WATER PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP RECOGNIZED**

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) and United Water are being awarded the Service Award for Outstanding Leadership and Projects by the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships (NCPPP). The award recognizes the unique partnership between West Basin and United Water in the operation and maintenance of the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility (ECLWRF) in El Segundo. The ECLWRF has produced over 100 billion gallons of water during the 15 year long partnership between West Basin and United Water. West Basin Board President Edward C. Little will accept the award this evening at the NCPPP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

"It is important for the water industry to continue being innovative in resolving today's water supply issues. Partnerships like this with United Water are critical to West Basin's success and it is an honor to be recognized for this aspect of our operations," said Edward C. Little, President of the West Basin Board of Directors.

The ECLWRF is the only facility in the world that recycles treated sewer water into 5 types of customer-designed waters, including water for high and low pressure boiler feed, cooling towers, irrigation and ultra-pure, near-distilled quality water for injection into local seawater barriers. Currently producing 30 million gallons a day of recycled water at the ECLWRF, West Basin plans to more than double that capacity to fulfill its Water Reliability 2020 goal to reduce our dependence on imported water in half by 2020.

The service award is determined by years of continuous and outstanding service through the use of a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and recognizes exemplary projects and services that illustrate best practices and innovative approaches in the use of PPPs. The NCPPP is a non-profit educational institute based in Arlington, Virginia, with membership from both the public and private sectors.

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