



**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

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**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT CELEBRATES 60 YEARS,  
RENAMES STATE-OF-THE-ART WATER RECYCLING FACILITY AFTER  
EDWARD C. LITTLE, CURRENTLY SERVING HIS 18TH YEAR AS DIRECTOR**

EL SEGUNDO—West Basin Municipal Water District, formed in 1947 by the public to preserve underground water supplies and provide a reliable source of water to 17 cities and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County, celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 6, 2007, by renaming its water recycling facility after long-time director Edward C. Little.

“Our Board of Directors has an exceptional track record of investing in diverse water sources, exploring new technologies, and implementing conservation programs to meet the needs of our growing population,” says Director Ed Little. “Over the years, we have been committed to ensuring water reliability for the region and I’m honored and humbled by this incredible gesture by my fellow directors.”

Included in the celebration are a historical presentation by Board President Donald Dear, special invited guests, and an unveiling of the dedication wall and plaque renaming the facility the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility. Guest speakers include California State Assemblyman Curren Price (51<sup>st</sup> District) and Tim Brick, current Chairman of the Metropolitan Water District’s Board of Directors.

“This is a celebration of West Basin’s innovative approach to ensuring a sustainable water supply for the communities we serve,” said President Don Dear. “Ed Little has been a visionary throughout his tenure on the West Basin board and our directors are proud to rename our world class, state-of-the-art recycled water facility after Edward C. Little.”

Director Little was a member of the West Basin board when it’s directors decided to take waste water from the Los Angeles Hyperion plant and recycle it into various uses, saving the Santa Monica Bay from 50 tons of waste every day. Director Little was instrumental in the planning and construction of the recycled water facility now bearing his name. He has served as a Culver City councilman, is a Culver City Rotarian, and played a pivotal role in annexing Culver City into West Basin’s service area in the 1960’s. Director Little served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from the University of Southern California in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. He is a business owner who made a success out of repairing automobiles at his shop, Ed Little

Auto Service, in Culver City. Director Little currently represents West Basin on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

Edward C. Little is currently serving his fifth term as a West Basin Director, representing division four of West Basin's service area, which includes Culver City, El Segundo, Malibu, West Hollywood, and the unincorporated communities of Athens, Del Aire, El Camino Village, Howard, Lennox, North Ladera Heights, Ross-Sexton, Topanga, View Park, and Windor Hills.

West Basin Municipal Water District is a recognized leader in the production of recycled water, has won several awards for its leadership, planning and design of its recycled water facility, and supplies 30 million gallons of recycled water throughout the South Bay each day, replacing enough precious drinking water to supply 60,000 households annually.

The water recycling facility, the only one of its kind in the world, is internationally renowned for its ability to produce "designer water," engineered to meet the needs of customers as varied as Toyota's National Headquarters, the Home Depot stadium, Exxon-Mobil, and the Water Replenishment District for injection into the groundwater aquifer.

The service area for West Basin includes the cities of Carson, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, West Hollywood, portions of the cities of Los Angeles and Torrance, and several unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County.

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