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WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT CELEBRATES CONSERVATION WORK OF 22 INGLEWOOD BUSINESSES

INGLEWOOD – Establishing long-term changes to improve reliability and conserve precious drinking water, West Basin Municipal Water District (“West Basin”) celebrated 22 Inglewood businesses this past Thursday, March 20th that have shown a commitment to water conservation by participating in West Basin’s “Complete Restroom Retrofit” program.

The Complete Restroom Retrofit program provides makeovers to commercial building restrooms by replacing high water-use toilets, urinals and faucets with new, water-free urinals, state-of-the-art dual-flush toilets, and automatic faucets.

“The Complete Restroom Retrofit program is not only saving water, it will collectively save participating businesses about \$150,000 a year,” said Director Gloria Gray, who represents Division II. “These forward-thinking businesses have taken the first step in conserving our water supply and we celebrate the example they are setting for businesses throughout southern California.”

The Complete Restroom Retrofit program provides free devices and the labor for installing those devices. Inglewood businesses that have completed their retrofits were recognized last Thursday, March 20th at the Los Angeles Bridge Unit in Inglewood

by West Basin Director Gloria Gray, Assembly Member Curren Price, Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn, and City Councilmembers Ralph Franklin and Eloy Morales.

Recognized businesses include Ability First, Belinda's Flowers, Beverly's Hair, Campbell's Allstate Insurance, Chester Washington Golf Course, First Class Beauty Salon & Supply, Frankie's Tuxedo Attire, Fresenius Medical Care, G.G.'s Restaurant, Good Shepherd Homes, Inglewood Audio Video, Inglewood Neighborhood Housing, KJLH 102.3 FM, Kream Krop Bakery, L.A. Bridge Unit, M&M Soul Food Restaurant, Market Discounts, Michael's School Uniforms, Queen Aminah's Clothing, Top 1 Nails, Turner's, and Wise Tires. Guests were treated to food from Coley's and Kream Krop Bakery.

Obie Castleberry from G.G.'s restaurant also spoke at the event, saying that he has implemented six water saving practices at his facility, from the dishwasher to the bathroom sink, which have cut his water bill by 37%. Marilyn Lyon from the South Bay Energy Savings Center pointed out that when businesses are saving water they are also saving energy and that there are a number of programs available to help businesses conserve. Earnie Preacely helped coordinate the event held at the LA Bridge Unit.

This half million dollar program will revitalize 248 restrooms within West Basin's five divisions. The conservation value of the Complete Restroom Retrofit program is more than 25 million gallons of drinking water saved every year.

West Basin Municipal Water District is committed to improving local water reliability through water recycling, water conservation, and other measures. West Basin 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 diverse 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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Left to Right: Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn, West Basin Director Gloria Gray, Assembly Member Curren Price, and Inglewood Council Member Eloy Morales at the event.