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WEST BASIN DIRECTOR RONALD C. SMITH APPOINTED TO REGION 8 ACWA BOARD

CARSON, Calif. —West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith has been appointed to the Association of California Water Agency's (ACWA) Region 8 Board of Directors. Director Smith joins the 7-member Board in representing Ventura and Los Angeles Counties at ACWA. Director Smith will serve on the Region 8 Board until December 2013.

"ACWA is a forward-thinking water policy organization and I'm proud to work together with other member agencies on common issues ranging from fixing the Bay Delta to future drinking water supplies that will ensure a safe and reliable water supply for the region," Smith said.

Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith serves as Board Treasurer and represents the West Basin Division One cities of Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates. Director Smith additionally represents West Basin on ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and National Water Research Institute Board, and is an entrepreneur, author and actively involved in the instruction of Filipino martial arts.

ACWA's Region 8 includes 6,000 square miles and 50 public water districts that collectively serve more than 11 million people. ACWA is a statewide association of 440 public agencies that are responsible for 90% of the water delivered in California.

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Since the District's formation in 1947, West Basin has remained steadfast in its commitment to ensuring water reliability. Faced with current and future water supply challenges, West Basin has launched a far-reaching initiative that increases supply dependability by producing new local resources. The Water Reliability 2020 program will reduce our dependence on imported water by extending recycled water pipelines, doubling conservation, expanding water education programs and developing ocean-water desalination. The combination of these efforts will increase regional control of local supplies of water from 33 percent today to 66 percent in 2020 and serve to protect our region's precious drinking water supply. To learn more about Water Reliability 2020 and for information on free tours and conservation classes, visit www.westbasin.org.