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WEST BASIN OFFERS FREE ONLINE FIRESCAPING WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 15TH

*Free workshop teaches landscaping techniques to help protect property
in fire-prone areas of Malibu, Topanga and beyond*

CARSON, Calif. – In partnership with the City of Malibu and Los Angeles County Water Works District 29, the West Basin Municipal Water District will host a free online firescaping workshop on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The class will focus on the fire-prone Malibu and Topanga areas, but is open to all residents in the West Basin service area. The workshop will teach participants landscaping techniques and property maintenance best practices that can help safeguard their properties from the threat of wildfires. Workshop registration is available at: www.westbasin.org/firescaping.

“California is experiencing a worsening drought and historically dry conditions that increase wildfire risk,” said West Basin Treasurer and Division IV Director Scott Houston. “It is important that we continue to provide valuable educational resources to help our communities protect structures, reduce water use and ultimately save money on water bills.”

Subject-matter expert Douglas Kent, MS, MLA, will lead the District’s September 15th workshop. Kent is the author of several landscaping books including *Firescaping: Protecting Your Home with a Fire-Resistant Landscape*. For nearly three decades, Kent has helped to create fire-protected communities. He will provide useful tips and insights tailored for Malibu and Topanga residents and business owners. Information will include landscaping techniques, native plant selection, smart irrigation systems, and other property maintenance best practices.

The Malibu firescaping workshop is part of a larger district-wide effort to expand the reach of its outreach and water efficiency programs to portions of the service area at risk of wildfires. In April, West Basin successfully hosted a firescaping workshop for nearly 100 residents located in the Palos Verdes Peninsula, which consists of multiple communities at increased risk of wildfire.

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, and conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.