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## Donald L. Dear elected President of West Basin Board of Directors

CARSON, Calif.—The West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors has elected Donald L. Dear to serve as its Board President for 2012. Director Dear was first elected to the West Basin Board of Directors in 2000 and previously serving as Board Vice President.

“West Basin is a leader in the water industry and I’m proud to represent the agency in sharing our values with our customers, the public, community leaders, and partners with whom we collaborate,” said President Dear. “West Basin’s goals for 2012 include expanding water efficiency programs, completing the fourth expansion of the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, and furthering research and testing on responsible ocean-water desalination techniques and processes,” Dear said.

West Basin recently renamed its headquarters building in Carson after Director Dear, celebrating his commitment to the water industry and West Basin’s water reliability programs, in addition to his long-time dedication to public service.

This year, Director Dear enters his fourth decade of public service, having served 26 years as either a city council member or Mayor of the City of Gardena. Director Dear spent 37 years teaching at Stephen M. White Middle School in Carson and 30 years coaching various youth sports teams, including football, baseball and basketball. Director Dear has additionally served on water-related Boards, including L.A. County Vector Control and L.A. County Sanitation District. He currently represents Special Districts on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

West Basin’s Board organization occurs once annually at its January board meeting. Serving as Vice President this year will be Carol W. Kwan who has served on the West Basin Board since 1996 and represents the Beach Cities and the City of Lomita. Immediate past President Ronald C. (Ron) Smith, representing the Palos Verdes Peninsula and City of Carson since 2006, will serve as Treasurer.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District is committed to water reliability, water quality, sound financial and resource management, customer service, and environmental stewardship. West Basin is a recognized, international leader in the production of recycled water and has won several awards for its leadership, water recycling and water resource management. West Basin provides more than 30 million gallons of recycled water throughout the South Bay each day, replacing enough precious drinking water to supply 60,000 households annually. To learn more, visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org).*