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WEST BASIN TO FILL SEAT ON SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), a wholesale water agency serving 17 cities and nearly one million residents in coastal L.A. County, was elected by the Bay Watershed Council to fill the “At-Large” seat on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC). Ronald C. (Ron) Smith, the water agency’s Board President from Rancho Palos Verdes will represent West Basin on the SMBRC.

“It’s a natural fit for West Basin to work with our esteemed colleagues on the Commission in addressing water quality issues in the Santa Monica Bay,” said Smith. “Many of West Basin’s programs reduce runoff to the oceans and we will continue reaching out to our communities to do more to help maintain water quality in our local tidelands, beaches and ocean environment.”

West Basin operates a water recycling facility in El Segundo that takes 30 million gallons a day of treated wastewater and turns it into usable, recycled water. It is the only agency in the world that produces 5 types of recycled waters, designed to meet customer needs. This also keeps 30 million gallons of wastewater and 5 tons of biosolids from being discharged into Santa Monica Bay every day.

The Ocean-Friendly Garden (OFG) landscape program that West Basin operates in collaboration with the Surfrider Foundation and G3LA, The Green Gardens Group, teaches homeowners in the L.A. coastal area how to alter their home and business landscapes to retain more water on their property, reducing the amount of water needed for irrigation and almost eliminating runoff.

West Basin is eager to help the SMBRC achieve its water quality goals for the Santa Monica Bay for the L.A. region’s nearly 10 million residents.

Free tours of West Basin’s facility and free OFG workshops are available. Visit www.westbasin.org for more information.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is reducing its dependence on imported water through the Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean-water to our portfolio by the year 2020. Partnering with community organizations, businesses and other public agencies keeps West Basin lean and strengthens its programs. West Basin is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area in the coastal Los Angeles area. www.westbasin.org