



# WEST BASIN



West Basin is led by a Board of five elected, visionary water leaders.



**Ron Smith**



**Gloria D. Gray**



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**Edward C. Little**



**Donald L. Dear**

## Water Reliability 2020 Program Update



Water Reliability 2020 Program outreach to the community continues. We now have written support from several community organizations including five cities within our service area, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, State Senators Rod Wright and Curren Price, Jr., ten Chambers of Commerce, many businesses including Bob Meistrell of Body Glove and Dive 'N Surf, three environmental organizations, seven community associations and unions, three ocean experts and the Water Replenishment District.

Water Reliability 2020 is a program to take control of our water future locally by expanding our conservation, education and recycling programs, and adding ocean-water desalination to our water supply portfolio. We recently completed a survey of voters in the greater Los Angeles area and 75% of them support obtaining some of our future water supplies from the ocean.

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## Conservation Program Update

California State University Dominguez Hills, through our Green Living for Apartments and Condos Program, greened their student housing by installing new water and energy saving devices. 222 toilets and 164 showerheads were installed in the complex, along with nine energy-efficient light bulbs in each unit. This will result in 3.4 million gallons of water saved each year!

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## Water Recycling Program Update



Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (Raytheon) recently converted its El Segundo Campus to recycled water. Raytheon's conversion to recycled water for irrigation will save 27 million gallons a year of potable drinking water and about \$22,000 a year on their water bill. The Manhattan Beach Marriott, City of Manhattan Beach and West Basin recently celebrated the Marriott converting their 9-hole, par three golf course to recycled water. Marriott will be saving 16.3 million gallons of water each year. Can we sign up your business?

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## Water Harvest is October 24th

On Saturday morning, October 24, 2009 10am to 2pm, West Basin will open its Edward C. Little Water Recycling facility to the public and provide a free Festival for the community.

Free food, children rides, games, pony rides and prizes make for a fun day. As part of the celebration, there will be a nationally recognized pumpkin carver, raffle for a free new water and energy efficient washer and dryer and free tours of the water purification facility that can make near-distilled quality water in about 20 minutes.

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## Other News

West Basin, in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers, received \$2.9 million in federal funding to continue expanding West Basin's water recycling program, which a key part of the Water Reliability 2020 Program. This will expand West Basin's delivery of recycled water to the area's industrial, municipal and commercial water users, freeing up more drinking water for the area. This is especially important during this three-year drought and limitations on moving water here from Northern California and the Colorado River.

West Basin has begun a very successful public tour program of its Edward. C. Little Water Recycling Facility on the second Saturday morning of each month. To register for the tour call 310-217-2411.

West Basin has also initiated a \$1,000 scholarship for high school seniors interested in the water industry, for more information call 310-660-6216. The next set of scholarships will be given out in the Spring of 2010.

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