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**WEST BASIN RECOGNIZED WITH DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION  
AWARD FROM GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION**

CARSON, Calif. –West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) has been awarded the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for budget reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* was given to West Basin by a panel of independent reviewers for its high quality preparation of operating budget documents. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

"This award reflects West Basin's commitment to sound fiscal management and prudent decision-making," said West Basin Board President Donald L. Dear. "Receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is an incredible honor for our water district."

To achieve the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award*, the operating budget must be given a high rating in 27 specific criteria by the GFOA reviewers. The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Awards Program in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments in preparing the highest quality budget documents, reflecting both the guidelines from the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's recommended practices. The award then recognizes individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. West Basin has received this award each year since 2009.

West Basin provides potable water to nearly one million people throughout the 17 cities in its coastal Los Angeles service area, operates a world-renown water recycling facility, three satellite facilities, an ocean-water desalination demonstration facility and comprehensive education and water efficiency programs with its \$178 million annual operating budget.

The operating budget is available on the District's web site at [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org), under "Finance", or you may request a printed copy by calling 310-217-2411.

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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, has won several awards for its leadership, water recycling and water resource management. West Basin provides 30 million gallons of recycled water throughout the South Bay each day, replacing enough precious drinking water to supply 60,000 households annually.*