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## **WEST BASIN ANNOUNCES NEW WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

*Free community programs to include water education tours, briefings and Speakers Bureau*

**CARSON, Calif.** – [West Basin Municipal Water District](#) (West Basin) has released the 2016 schedule for free [water education programs](#) offered to residents and businesses in its service area. The free community programs include water recycling tours and ocean water desalination briefings on alternating months, along with an ongoing Speakers Bureau for organizations interested in having a West Basin water expert speak about various water issues.

Water recycling tour attendees will learn about the water purification process and visit the only facility in the world that produces 5 “designers” waters out of wastewater. Guests will also have the chance to taste purified wastewater. In 2015, West Basin celebrated 20 years of water recycling at the state-of-the-art Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, and has produced over 165 billion gallons of recycled water to date.

As we enter 2016 and look ahead to our water future, West Basin will provide ocean water desalination briefings to demonstrate how the agency is conducting responsible [ocean water desalination](#) to diversify its water supply portfolio, while protecting the marine ecosystem. Ocean water desalination briefings will also showcase the technology that would be used at a potential desalination facility. In 2015, West Basin began an Environmental Impact Report to evaluate the possibility of an ocean water desalination facility in the South Bay and will present its findings in spring 2016.

“It is becoming increasingly important to provide the community with these types of water education programs,” said West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray. “As the drought continues into its fifth consecutive year, it is essential for our communities to learn about California’s precious resource and what we can do to be as water-efficient as possible.”

All tours and briefings will be held at West Basin’s Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo, beginning at 9:00am. Registration is required. Interested attendees can email [info@westbasin.org](mailto:info@westbasin.org) or call (310) 660-6243.

Water recycling tours will be held on January 9, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10 and November 12. Ocean water desalination tours will be held on February 13, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8 and December 10.

For more information about West Basin’s free community programs, please visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) via [@WestBasin](#) to join the conversation.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that provides imported drinking water to nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin is an industry leader in water recycling, conservation, and water education. West Basin is currently implementing a Water Reliability program to reduce the agency's dependence on imported water and develop drought-proof local water supplies. The program includes water recycling, water conservation, groundwater desalting and ocean water desalination. Visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*