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## WEST BASIN RECOGNIZES SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN AS LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR



*(Left to right) West Basin Board Members Gloria D. Gray, Carol W. Kwan, Harold C. Williams, Scott Houston and Sen. Dianne Feinstein*

**CARSON, Calif.** – Members of the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors met with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) in Washington, D.C. this Spring, to provide a briefing on West Basin endeavors and present her with the District’s Legislator of the Year award.

In 2016, Feinstein was instrumental in leading a bipartisan coalition to support passage of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act), considered significant water legislation that authorizes \$558 million in water infrastructure spending for storage, water recycling and reuse, desalination and environmental restoration projects in California.

“We proudly salute Senator Feinstein for her long standing commitment to water reliability initiatives and leadership,” West Basin Board President Harold C. Williams said. “Support from our representatives is fundamental to our mission to increase regional self-reliance by developing local, drought-proof water supplies.”

The WIIN Act includes drought legislation and amendments to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Through WRDA, water supply projects are authorized to be studied, planned and developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The WRDA legislation will supply funding for USACE and Title XVI, which provides authority for the Bureau of Reclamation’s water recycling and reuse program, in partnership with local government entities. Funding for these programs will allow West Basin new opportunities to obtain capital for future water reliability projects.

The Legislator of the Year award is presented annually to legislators who have been instrumental in creating reliable water supplies through legislation and advocacy.

For more information on West Basin’s Water Reliability program, visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org).

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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.*