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## GRAY, SMITH ELECTED TO LEAD WEST BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARSON, Calif. – Gloria D. Gray, serving on the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors since 2006, has been elected Board President for 2010. President Gray served as Vice President during 2009 and will represent the agency throughout its service area of almost 1 million people from Malibu to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Hermosa Beach to Carson. President Gray represents West Basin as one of its two appointees on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors, a 37-director regional wholesale water agency providing water to 18 million people in Southern California and was appointed by County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to serve on L.A. County's Water Quality Community Task Force. Gray was elected to serve West Basin's Division II communities of Inglewood, Ladera, Athens, Lennox, Howard and Ross-Sexton.

"West Basin is taking action to develop a locally-controlled water supply portfolio by expanding its recycling, desalination, and conservation programs," said President Gray. "We've set ambitious goals to reduce our dependence on imported water and to further our innovative approach to solving complex water supply issues through our Water Reliability 2020 program."

Also serving since 2006, Ronald C. (Ron) Smith has been elected to the Vice President post. Vice President Smith represents the Division I cities that comprise the Palos Verdes Peninsula and the City of Carson. Director Smith served as Treasurer this past year and is Founder and CEO of the REALTYSMITH Group and the Success Mastery Institute.

The West Basin Board of Directors is committed to implementing its Water Reliability 2020 Program to reduce its dependence on imported water from 66% today to 33% by the year 2020. West Basin will make progress on this goal over the next year by expanding its recycled water distribution system in the cities of Torrance, Carson and El Segundo, launching an ocean-water desalination demonstration facility in Redondo Beach, and making an impact in outdoor water conservation in all 17 cities within its service area.

West Basin has a five-member, elected Board of Directors. Each Director serves a four-year term and represents the cities in his or her respective Division. West Basin has received numerous awards for its operations, most notably the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officer's Association, Service Award for Outstanding Leadership and Projects from the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships, and the Flex Your Power Award from the State of California for its use of solar power in its water recycling operations, among others. West Basin's mission is to provide a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to the communities it serves.

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