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WEST BASIN ISSUES STATEMENT AT HERMOSA BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING ITS OCEAN WATER DESALINATION PROGRAM

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. – Following the March 22 Hermosa Beach City Council Meeting in which the Council voted to oppose [West Basin Municipal Water District's](#) (West Basin) proposed ocean water desalination project, West Basin Board President Carol W. Kwan issued the following statement:

"We appreciate Hermosa Beach Council's interest in West Basin's Ocean Water Desalination Program and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process, and the opportunity to present tonight. We remain committed to further exploring ocean water desalination through research, educating our communities, and the EIR process, which will help us fully understand and address any potential project concerns.

The West Basin Board has not yet made a decision to construct a desalination facility. The EIR process is one of many steps for the West Basin Board of Directors to help us make an informed decision on considering an ocean water desalination project.

We look forward to the City's involvement and input during the EIR process and our future collaborative efforts on water reliability initiatives, including our recently formed, Board-directed Recycled Water Taskforce."

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About West Basin Municipal Water District

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 to learn more.

About West Basin's Ocean Water Desalination Program

Since 2002, West Basin has been researching responsible ocean water desalination in a manner that protects marine life, maximizes energy efficiency and minimizes cost. West Basin is currently conducting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will assess the potential environmental impacts of implementing a proposed ocean water desalination facility producing 20 and 60 million gallons per day (MGD) of drinking water. For more information about West Basin's Ocean Water Desalination program, visit www.westbasin.org/desal.