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Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith to Represent West Basin on National Water Research Institute Board

CARSON, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Director and Vice President Ronald C. (Ron) Smith will represent West Basin on the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) Board of Directors. NWRI was established in 1991 to address water supply and quality challenges facing our nation through cooperative research efforts. Its mission is to create new sources of water through research and technology and to protect the freshwater and marine environments.

“I look forward to representing West Basin in its role in the science and research side of the industry,” said Vice President Smith. “Working with NWRI is exactly the kind of relevant challenge I relish, since it is an innovative think tank for creative solutions to today’s water and wastewater issues,” he said.

Based in Fountain Valley, California, NWRI is governed by six water and wastewater agencies from across Southern California, including the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, and West Basin Municipal Water District. From 1991 until 2005, NWRI grew into one of the one of the prominent research organizations of its kind.

Vice President Smith will work with NWRI to support its water-related education, workshops and scholarship efforts, provide peer-to-peer review of scientific research, and fund and guide scientific research projects. NWRI’s goals include a focus on protecting public health, environmental protection, drought management, and better water use efficiency practices. These goals parallel West Basin’s mission to provide a safe and reliable supply of high quality water the communities it serves, as well as fulfilling its Water Reliability 2020 goals to reduce the area’s dependence on imported water in half by the year 2020.

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