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**RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE TO BRING SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY TO GARDENA AND REGION**  
*West Basin, the City of Gardena and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
break ground on a project that will help reduce the region's dependence on imported water*

**CARSON, Calif.** – Representatives from West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) and the City of Gardena celebrated the commencement of the South Gardena Recycled Water Pipeline Project construction at a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, September 21. The joint project between West Basin, the City of Gardena and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will expand a recycled water system that will help the local region reduce its dependence on imported water and enhance its resilience to an increasingly dry climate.

“West Basin’s water recycling program has been treating and purifying wastewater since 1995,” said West Basin Director Donald L. Dear, who represents the Division V cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale and unincorporated areas of El Camino Village. “It is important that we continue to expand our recycled water network to provide this sustainable water supply to our communities,” added Dear. “We are grateful for this partnership with City of Gardena, LADWP, and the California Department of Water Resources to make this expansion possible.”

Upon its completion, the pipeline will deliver approximately 105 acre-feet of recycled water to Arthur Lee Johnson Memorial Park, Gardena High School and Roosevelt Memorial Park each year, saving up to 95,040 gallons of potable water per day.

Gardena Councilmember Dan Medina stated, “By bringing West Basin’s recycled water to the City of Gardena, we will be in a better position to meet and exceed our water conservation goals during this continued and serious drought, and beyond. I’ve been a strong supporter of this project since its inception and will continue to support recycled water to irrigate facilities in our city.”

The expansion project was also made possible by a \$1 million dollar grant from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the Proposition 84 Round 2 Grant Program. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2.4 million dollars with LADWP and West Basin providing additional funding.

The construction in Gardena is estimated to be complete in January 2017 and will result in approximately one mile of pipeline meant to distribute tertiary treated disinfected recycled water for irrigation purposes to portions of South Gardena and the City of Los Angeles.

The new 8-inch pipeline will connect to West Basin's existing 42-inch diameter recycled water main at 168<sup>th</sup> Street within the City of Gardena and will travel south along Normandie Avenue to the second connection point, an 8-inch diameter pipeline at the intersection with 177<sup>th</sup> Street, constructed by LADWP. A 4-inch diameter pipeline will branch east from the intersection of Normandie Avenue and 170<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Budlong Avenue.

For information about the construction of the South Gardena Recycled Water Pipeline Project, please call the Construction Project Hotline at (310) 744-6068 or email [ssanford@sagincla.com](mailto:ssanford@sagincla.com).

West Basin has produced approximate 175 billion gallons of recycled water since 1995.

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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.*