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EDWARD C. LITTLE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WEST BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Board Veteran Brings More Than 25 Years' Experience in Water Industry

CARSON, Calif. – The West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors elected Edward C. Little to serve as its Board President for 2014. Director Little has served on the West Basin Board since 1989 and previously served as both Board President and Vice President during his 25 tenure. West Basin's state-of-the-art water recycling facility is named after Director Little in honor of his commitment to wastewater recycling and to providing a reliable diverse water supply for the region.

“Over the past 25 years, West Basin has invested in water recycling and conservation because we knew living in this dry region we would be prone to drought situations and dependent on expensive imported water,” said President Little. “In 2014, the Board of Directors will hold a strategic planning session focused on our water recycling program expansion, conservation efforts and local water supply alternatives for short- and long-term reliability for our region. I look forward to serving as President for this industry-leading water agency,” Little said.

President Little represents the cities of Culver City, El Segundo, Malibu, West Hollywood and Lennox, North Ladera Heights, Del Aire, Topanga, View Park and Windsor Hills. Director Little is currently in his sixth term of office and recently retired as one of West Basin's representatives on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors after serving for 15 years.

President Little has demonstrated leadership in West Basin's ocean-water desalination research project and in diversifying the District's water supply portfolio that includes increased recycled water production. The recycling facility raised its capacity from 30 million gallons a day to now 45 million gallons a day and is the only water recycling plant in the world to produce five “designer” recycled waters for its customers.

West Basin's Board organization occurs once annually at its January board meeting. Serving as Vice President this year is Donald L. Dear who has served on the West Basin Board since 2000 and represents

Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale and portions of El Camino Village. Ronald (Ron) C. Smith, representing the Palos Verdes peninsula and city of Carson since 2006, remains in his post as Treasurer.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area. West Basin is reducing its dependence on imported water through its Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean water to its portfolio by the year 2020. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.