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## **West Basin Re-elected to Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission**

CARSON, Calif. — West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) was recently re-elected to fill the “At-Large” seat on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC). Ronald C. (Ron) Smith, West Basin’s Board President, will continue to represent West Basin on the SMBRC. This is West Basin’s second term.

“The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is addressing our most pressing water quality issues,” said President Smith. “We will continue reaching out to our communities to focus efforts on improving the quality of our local marine environment for people and wildlife alike,” Smith said.

Water quality remains a priority for West Basin, the coastal L.A. water agency that operates a water recycling facility in El Segundo that takes 30 million gallons a day of treated wastewater and turns it into usable, recycled water. It is the only agency in the world that produces five types of customer-designed recycled waters from sewer water. This also keeps 30 million gallons of wastewater and five tons of biosolids from being discharged into Santa Monica Bay every day.

West Basin offers the Ocean-Friendly Garden (OFG) landscape program in collaboration with Surfrider Foundation and G3LA, The Green Gardens Group. The OFG program teaches homeowners in West Basin’s service area how to alter their home and business landscapes to retain more water on their property. OFGs reduce the amount of water needed for irrigation and almost eliminate runoff from those gardens, decreasing the amount of pollutants sent to storm drains and into our local harbors and ocean.

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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 the Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean-water to our portfolio by the year 2020. Partnering with community organizations, businesses and other public agencies keeps West Basin lean and strengthens its programs. [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org)*