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WEST BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSE WATER BOND FOR NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT

CARSON, Calif. – On August 25, 2014, the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors voted to adopt a formal “support” position on the \$7.12 billion water bond measure set for the November 2014 ballot. Entitled the “Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014,” the bond will appear as Proposition 1 on the ballot.

“The West Basin Board voted to support the measure because it includes much needed funding for new water storage projects, regional water projects, sustainable groundwater cleanup and management programs, water recycling, water conservation, and safe drinking water programs,” said West Basin Board President Donald L. Dear. “Proposition 1 will provide local and regional water project funding, which West Basin hopes to obtain a portion through a competitive process,” continued Dear.

The bond measure was approved in a bipartisan vote by the California State Legislature and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on August 13, 2014. It is considered a critical element of the State’s comprehensive water plan and invests in safe drinking water, particularly in disadvantaged communities, and provides for watershed restoration and increased flows in some of California’s most important rivers and streams. A diverse group of organizations support the measure, including water, agriculture, labor, business and conservation groups. The measure was also supported by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

“Proposition 1 will certainly help with the current drought,” said Gloria Gray, West Basin Board Vice President. “Funding from Proposition 1 would help West Basin and other Southern California water agencies develop local, reliable supplies for this drought and any future droughts.”

“I thank the West Basin Water District Board for endorsing Proposition 1,” said Assemblymember Muratsuchi. “As the South Bay Assemblymember, I worked across party lines to address the state water crisis and get this fiscally responsible measure on the ballot. Proposition 1 will provide more resources to ensure that all of us in the South Bay will continue to have a safe, reliable and adequate water supply.”

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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.