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WEST BASIN'S NEW RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE TO HELP WITH FUTURE DROUGHTS

*Million Dollar State Grant Will Help Expand Recycled Water Network and Decrease Need
For Imported Water In The Future*

CARSON, CA. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), received a \$1,000,000 grant from the California Department of Water Resources to expand its water recycling system in coastal Los Angeles County. The expansion could not have come at a better time, as the State continues to be caught in the grips of a serious drought. The project will save 29 million gallons of drinking water each year and offset the use of imported drinking water.

The grant funds will be used to build a new 1.25 mile recycled water pipeline that will provide recycled water to four large irrigation sites: Gardena High School, Arthur Lee Johnson Park (also known as South Garden Park), Roosevelt Memorial Park and C Stars Nursery. Partners of the project include Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the City of Gardena.

“West Basin has a world-class water recycling program -- the only one in the world that makes five types of usable water out of wastewater. This expansion will help us meet our water conservation goal that is so important in this time of drought,” said Donald L. Dear, West Basin Board Vice President from the Gardena area.

The 1.25 mile pipeline will expand West Basin’s recycled pipeline network to over 125 miles in length. The bulk of the project is located in the southern part of Gardena and covers a portion of Los Angeles. The new pipeline will extend south from West 168th Street to Electric Street, via South Normandie Avenue.

Chairman of the South Bay Council of Governments and Gardena City Councilman Dan Medina states, “In an environment where there will be increased competition for imported water, this project will help reduce our draw on this increasingly challenged water supply. The City of Gardena is strongly behind this project because it will free up precious drinking water and support four of our facilities in our City.”

The total cost of the project is approximately \$2 million dollars with LADWP and West Basin providing additional funding. The completion date is planned for April 2016. The grant was obtained from Proposition 84 bond via the Integrated Regional Water Management Program. This project is one of four in the South Bay that was awarded funding through this competitive grant program in early 2014.

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West Basin's water recycling program has been treating and purifying wastewater since 1995, and recently reached 150 billion gallons of recycled water in overall production. This project will add four additional customers to its 300 customer network that serves business buildings, refineries, city landscapes, parks, professional sports fields, golf courses and other facilities.

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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.