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WEST BASIN LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM TO PROVIDE REBATES AND FREE WATER SAVING DEVICES TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS

District offers incentives for a limited-time through its Change & Save water-use efficiency program

CARSON, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) announced the launch of its *Change & Save* program, a water savings device and rebate program designed to assist communities in West Basin’s service area that have historically lower water conservation program participation rates. The new program is aimed at helping participants reduce water consumption and save money. For a limited time, the District’s *Change & Save program* is offering eligible residents free water savings device kits and a \$500 rebate for a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer. West Basin was awarded a \$500,000 Water-Energy Grant from the Department of Water Resources to help fund the program.

West Basin, in partnership with the South Bay Environmental Services Center, will start scheduling appointments for the program’s in-home water surveys beginning February 11. Upon completion of the survey, residents will receive their water savings kit containing a high-efficiency faucet aerator and shower head estimated to produce a water savings of 2,000 gallons annually. Participating residents will also have the opportunity to apply for a \$500 rebate for a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer.

“We anticipate a high response to *Change & Save* due to the \$500 rebate being the highest amount offered in the State of California for a program of its kind,” said West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray. “We encourage local residents to take advantage of this limited opportunity to conserve water using innovative water saving devices and high efficiency appliances, which could ultimately lower their water bills and save money.”

High-efficiency clothes washers use approximately 55% less water than standard clothes washers, potentially reducing water use by about 11,000 gallons a year. *Change & Save* aims at helping District residents put money back in their pockets through the efficient use of water. Clothes washers represent a significant amount of indoor water use and energy demand.

Change & Save device kits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and the in-home survey is required. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the South Bay Environmental Services Center at (310) 371-4633 or emailing contactus@change-save.com. More information on the program is available at www.change-save.com.

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, and conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.