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West Basin Welcomes New Assistant General Manager, Shivaji Deshmukh

CARSON, Calif.—West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), providing wholesale drinking water and five types of ‘designer’ recycled waters to coastal L.A. County, has hired 11-year water industry veteran Shivaji Deshmukh to be its new Assistant General Manager.

“West Basin has set ambitious water reliability goals for the next ten years and the breadth and depth of Shivaji’s talents will help us be successful,” said General Manager Rich Nagel.

“Shivaji’s comprehensive experience in water recycling, engineering, operations, public information and budget and finance make him a perfect fit for the West Basin team as we expand water recycling and conservation programs and further our ocean-water desalination efforts,” he said.

Deshmukh will oversee recycling operations and engineering, including the doubling of West Basin’s water recycling production, expansion of its ocean-water desalination program, and maintaining its commitment to sound financial management practices.

Deshmukh comes to West Basin from Orange County Water District where he, most recently, managed the implementation of its Groundwater Replenishment System. Deshmukh is a licensed engineer with experience managing design, construction, engineering, operations, finance, procurement, regulatory compliance, planning, and public and government outreach projects. Deshmukh earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has been active in both WateReuse and the American Waterworks Association.

The search for West Basin’s new Assistant General Manager was a competitive process. There were sixty five well-qualified candidates from throughout California. Deshmukh replaces Paul Shoenberger, who became General Manager of Mesa Consolidated Water District in Costa Mesa in September 2009.

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