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## **REDUCE YOUR OUTDOOR WATER AND ENERGY USE – LEARN HOW FROM THE EXPERTS AT WEST BASIN’S THIRD SMART EXPO**

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. – Sprinklers controlled by satellites, underground rain capture systems, drip line irrigation, rebates for water saving devices, and free mulch all come together to create more efficient, climate appropriate landscapes. On Saturday, May 21, 2011, visit West Basin’s Water and Energy Smart Expo. It’s open to the public, free and lasts from 9am to 12pm.

The Water and Energy Smart Expo is a 3-hour experience in product demonstrations and workshops on how to create healthy soil, install drip irrigation, use mulch, compost, prune plants, learn about and purchase native plants, and more.

In addition, tours of West Basin’s Water Efficient Demonstration Garden and Wastewater Recycling Facility will also be offered.

West Basin has worked with area restaurants to recycle 5-gallon “pickle buckets” and use them in giving away free mulch (while supplies last). Restaurants participating in the “pickle bucket rescue” include Apple Spice Junction in Rancho Dominguez, Islands in Rancho Palos Verdes, and Salt Creek Grille and Veggie Grill in El Segundo. West Basin hopes the “free mulch giveaway” will be an incentive for folks to begin using mulch in their landscaping to keep water on their property and reduce runoff.

**Who:** Members of the general public and the landscaping community interested in learning how to save water, electricity and money

**What:** Free Mulch (while supplies last), Hands on Native Plant Workshops, Native Plant Sales, Water Efficiency Device Demonstrations

**When:** Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 9am to 12pm

**Where:** Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, 1935 S. Hughes Way (at Sepulveda), El Segundo, CA 90245

**Why:** Southern Californians need to learn how to reduce their water and energy use to protect their ocean environment and save money.

Co-sponsors for this event include Cal Water Service, Golden State Water Co., Water Replenishment District and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.