



WATER FOR TOMORROW
Securing Our Water Future

FAQ

West Basin Municipal Water District
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1. What is the Water for Tomorrow program?

The Water for Tomorrow program is West Basin's approach to addressing the service area's water future. Water for Tomorrow brings new emphasis to West Basin's commitment to protecting, securing and diversifying its water supply while continuing its history of innovation and industry leadership.

2. How is Water for Tomorrow different from the Water Reliability 2020 Program?

Water for Tomorrow shifts the focus of Water Reliability 2020's deadline-based end goal into an everyday commitment to water reliability for West Basin.

It is a commitment to continuously engage the communities we serve. Through the Water for Tomorrow program, West Basin is reaffirming its mission to provide reliable sources of high-quality water both now and in the future.

3. Did West Basin reach the goals of its previous Water Reliability Program?

The previous Water Reliability Program placed focus on gaining community leadership support and regulatory acceptance for expanded reuse, conservation, education and desalination as solutions to future water reliability changes.

Since the launch of the last program, West Basin has achieved support from various community organizations, as well as legislative support with the passing of key legislation that allows West Basin to enhance its programs that benefit service area residents beyond 2020.

4. What is the District doing to advance recycled water use in its service area?

The District has invested approximately \$600 million in its water recycling program and has approximately 110 miles of recycled water pipeline throughout the service area, securing an affordable local water supply for its service area.

Most recently, West Basin's focus on non-proprietary microfiltration systems demonstrates a breakthrough for the industry, allowing operational reliability, lower energy and chemical consumption, and a lower overall cost of water treatment.

5. Will the District move forward with its proposed ocean water desalination project? Why?

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), West Basin is exploring ocean water desalination as an alternative supply option and is currently working to finalize and then certify the Environmental Impact Report.

No decision can be made without the completion of the CEQA process.

6. Is the District seeking total independence of imported water? If so, by when?

The District seeks to become less dependent on imported water through a diverse supply portfolio. At the same time, imported water purchased from Metropolitan remains an essential part of West Basin's balanced supply portfolio through the year 2040, as indicated in West Basin's Urban Water Management Plan. The District strives to strike a balance of reliability and affordability in its resource mix. West Basin works diligently to ensure that stable and predictable imported water costs and rates are managed for the future.

7. What are challenges to our water future?

Southern California's water supply is increasingly becoming less reliable.

There are unpredictable ebbs and flows to the imported drinking water that we receive, environmental and regulatory decisions that impact supply availability, reoccurring and prolonged droughts, uncertain impacts of climate change, and other factors that indicate even more preparation is needed to be ready for our next challenge.

8. What are our future supplies of water?

West Basin seeks to increase the reliability of imported water, create more opportunities for groundwater projects, maximize water recycling, expand conservation efforts and continue to explore alternative local water supplies such as potable and non-potable water reuse and desalination.

9. How is West Basin taking control of our water future?

West Basin is dedicated to protecting its existing water supply; securing local, drought-resilient resources; and diversifying and augmenting its supply portfolio responsibly and efficiently.

10. What can I do to be a part of the (right) solution?

We invite you to learn more about our current and future water supply by visiting www.westbasin.org/waterfortomorrow, where you can get a thorough background on the District's programs, water supplies, rebates and sign up to attend one of our many free events!



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