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Water Harvest Countdown

Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is sure to be a fun-filled day of water education, activities, tours, food and prizes at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo. The 12th Annual Water Harvest Festival aims to give back to and educate the community and about where our water comes from, how much water we use on a daily basis and what we can do to make our local water supply more reliable.



- **Festival location:**
1935 S. Hughes Way, El Segundo
- **FREE parking and shuttles** at
1960 E. Grand Ave.
(off Sepulveda, north of El Segundo Blvd)

Water Monsters Invade Los Angeles... and Water Harvest!



West Basin is using water-wasting monsters to engage children and families in home water conservation in a NEW, free video game available online at <http://www.westbasin.org/education/games>. Players get to be "Water Star" detectives, sleuthing out clues to determine who is wasting water and identifying tools to be more efficient. The "Water Star" is West Basin's featured children's water conservation character and program, which signs up children from K - 6th grade to commit to saving 20 gallons per day. Water monsters and the "Water Star" program will each have a booth at this year's Water Harvest so kids can play the game and sign up for a free water conservation kit!

Communitas is the Latin Term for *People Helping People*

West Basin has received the 2010 Communitas Award for *Providing Sustainable Water Reliability Green Initiatives* for its customers and communities. Communitas Awards is known for recognizing exceptional businesses that are unselfishly giving of themselves and their resources, and change how they do business to benefit the community. West Basin is honored to have received this award.



NEW Desalination Facility Opens its Doors - Community Event December 4th



West Basin will be hosting a community open house for our neighbors to experience our NEW Water Education Center and Ocean-Water Desalination Facility at the SEA Lab in Redondo Beach. Come learn about Southern California's water supplies, including imported, recycled, conserved and desalinated ocean-water. This is your opportunity to try a taste of desalted water! Saturday, December 4, 2010, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SEA Lab, Redondo Beach, 1021 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Aerospace Corporation Expands its Recycled Water Use

Aerospace Corporation has expanded its use of recycled water in El Segundo. The main Aerospace Corporation Campus was connected to recycled water in September 2008, but now, thanks to this additional conversion, another 1.3 million gallons of potable water will be conserved each year. West Basin's staff worked closely with Aerospace Corporation, assisting them through the conversion process and making sure the recycled water meets government regulations. Now, Aerospace Corporation is even more environmentally responsible by helping us save precious drinking water to meet future needs.



West Basin: A Leader in Water Smart Practices



At the Water Smart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas, West Basin's Water-Use Efficiency Specialist, Elise Goldman, presented "Trifecta! Moving Large Commercial and Industrial Customers toward Water-Use Efficiency." Gus Meza, Senior Water Use Efficiency Specialist, presented West Basin's Ocean-Friendly Garden (OFG) classes, in partnership with the Surfrider Foundation and G3LA, the Green Gardens Group. The OFG classes cover conservation, permeability and retention. Hands-On Workshops are also available to help people build sustainable, drought-tolerant gardens. To sign up for one of these classes in your area, visit <http://www.westbasin.org/water-reliability-2020/conservation/landscape-gardening-programs>.

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