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## **WEST BASIN AND THE CITY OF LOMITA TOAST THEIR WAY TO WATER EFFICIENCY WITH FIRST DRINKING WATER FILLING STATION**

LOMITA, Calif. — West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) and the City of Lomita dedicated Lomita’s first drinking water filling station last Tuesday. Located at Lomita Park, the filling station allows the public to refill their water bottles with reliable, safe tap water. Lomita Mayor Michael Savidan, former Lomita Mayor Margaret Estrada and West Basin Board President Carol Kwan were on-hand for the ceremony.

“Known as the jewel of the city, Lomita Park was the ideal location to introduce the first drinking water filling station. Residents can continue to enjoy all of the activities the park provides, stay hydrated and now by using refillable bottles, they are protecting the environment at the same time,” said Mayor Savidan.

Former Mayor Estrada was recognized for spearheading the project during her tenure on the council. The drinking water filling station is the first of its kind in Lomita and the third filling station installed in West Basin’s service area. West Basin and the City of Lomita have a longstanding partnership on water efficiency programs such as high-efficient toilet exchanges and ocean friendly gardens.

“This new drinking water station is just one example of the forward movement we can accomplish when working together to be more water efficient,” said President Kwan. “The filling station will provide community residents with reliable clean water, knowledge of an alternative option for keeping plastic water bottles out of the ocean and landfills and help raise awareness on the importance of a reliable, local water supply.”

West Basin is working to install filling stations throughout its service area as an alternative to buying bottled water. The drinking filling stations are a reminder to residents that tap water is easily accessible, taste good and is free. Funding for the water filling station has been provided by West Basin and the unit will be maintained by the City of Lomita.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area. West Basin is reducing its dependence on imported water through its Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean water to its portfolio by the year 2020. Visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*

Photo 1: Left to Right: Michael Savidan (Lomita Mayor); Margaret Estrada (former Lomita Mayor); and Carol W. Kwan (West Basin Board President) at ceremonial filling on November 26, 2013. <http://www.westbasin.org/files/images-press/dsc-0058.jpg>

Photo 2: Left to Right: West Basin Municipal Water District, Lomita City Council and Lomita Parks and Recreation ceremonial toast on November 26, 2013. <http://www.westbasin.org/files/images-press/dsc-0067.jpg>