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**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S ANNUAL WATER HARVEST FESTIVAL
CELEBRATES 15 YEAR CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY**

Free tours, games, food and fun learning about the value of water

EL SEGUNDO Calif. –West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) celebrates 15 years of water reliability at its 15th annual Water Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free community event will take place at its world famous Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility located at 1935 S. Hughes Way in El Segundo. The event offers free tours, games, food, costume contest, grand prize drawing and much more.

“This year marks a milestone for Water Harvest as we celebrate 15 years of educating the community about the importance of water in a fun, family atmosphere,” said West Basin Board President Carol W. Kwan. “We look forward to the next 15 and providing a reliable source of water for future generations.”

West Basin’s Water Harvest Festival provides an opportunity for the community to take a tour of the only plant in the world that produces five different types of recycled water. In just 20 minutes, visitors can see first-hand how wastewater is purified into drinking water, with a tasting at the end. West Basin recently increased the plant’s capacity from approximately 45 million gallons per day (MDG) to over 60 MGD, completing its fourth expansion.

The more than 30 booths include a professional pumpkin carver, carnival games, face painting, reptile petting zoo, pony rides, wave slide and a grand prize opportunity drawing. Raffle prizes include tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific, bikes, scooters and the grand prize an energy-efficient washer and dryer. To be eligible, guests must enter their raffle ticket into the drawing, be a resident of West Basin’s service area and present to win. One entry is allowed per guest.

The Discovery Science Center will be presenting educational and fun water themed stage shows throughout the day. A touch tank of marine animals will also be on-hand from SEALab Aquarium’s Traveling Tidepool in Redondo Beach. Children may also create an art piece using recyclable materials provided by Trash for Teaching’s Treasure Truck.

Free parking will be available at 1960 E. Grand Ave (at Sepulveda Blvd) at Corporate Towers in El Segundo with free shuttle buses to and from the event.

Event Sponsors include California Water Service Company, Water Replenishment District, United Water, Metropolitan Water District, RBF Consulting, Murakawa Communications, Tetra Tech, Carollo, Parsons, National Water Research Institute, Golden State Water Company, Arcadis, Lee & Ro, Kennedy Jenks, California America Water and Black& Veatch. Raffle sponsors include Altman Plants, Aqua Flo, Aquarium of the Pacific, Captain Kids Fish Market & Restaurant, Five Guys, La Sirena Grill & Cantina ,

Marina Bike Rentals, Mickey's, Pinkberry, Rejuvenation Center, The Home Depot, The Lakes at El Segundo, Veggie Grill, WaterWise Consulting and Yogaworks.

Visit www.westbasinWH.org for more information.

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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 to learn more.