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## WEST BASIN ANNOUNCES 2024 BOARD POSITIONS Division III Director Desi Alvarez to Serve as President

**CARSON, Calif.** – During the January meeting of the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors, the board selected officers for 2024. The board named Division III Director Desi Alvarez as president; Division I Director Harold C. Williams as vice president; Division II Director Gloria D. Gray as treasurer; Division V Director Donald L. Dear as secretary; and Division IV Director Scott Houston as immediate past president.

The president facilitates committee appointments and the assignments of representatives to affiliate organizations. He also has the primary responsibility of interpreting the policies, programs and needs of the District to the public.

"The District's values are the foundation for achieving our broader reliability goals. This year, as West Basin President, I look forward to upholding our values with an emphasis on sound financial and resources management," said Alvarez.

Alvarez, elected to the board in November 2020, represents the cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Lomita, as well as West Torrance and West Carson. Alvarez also serves on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors. He is a water management professional with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Loyola University in Los Angeles, and a master's degree with an emphasis in water resources and environmental engineering from University California, Davis.

As vice president, Williams – who represents Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and the unincorporated area of Rancho Dominguez – is responsible for performing all the duties of the president during the temporary or permanent absence of the president.

As treasurer, Gray – the representative for Inglewood, portions of Gardena and Hawthorne, and unincorporated areas of Ladera Heights, View-Park Windsor Hills, West Athens and Westmont – is to review the Board's financial status and oversee project, reserve, and cost of issuance funds.

As secretary, Dear – who serves Lawndale, portions of Gardena and Hawthorne, and unincorporated El Camino Village and Lennox – ensures the maintenance of district records and that public meetings are noticed in accordance with all laws.

Houston represents Culver City, El Segundo, Malibu, West Hollywood, a portion of Hawthorne, and unincorporated Del Aire, Marina del Rey, Topanga and Wiseburn.

For more information on the West Basin board and committees, visit: <u>www.westbasin.org/board-</u><u>directors</u>.

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, as well as conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit <u>www.westbasin.org</u> to learn more.