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FREE LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION CLASSES TEACH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS HOW TO SAVE MONEY AND WATER BY REPLACING GRASS WITH SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING

Learn how to qualify for up to a \$1,500 rebate for homes and \$10,000 for businesses

CARSON, Calif. – <u>West Basin Municipal Water District</u> will offer free classes for District residents and business owners to learn how to take advantage of the Metropolitan Water District's new Landscape Transformation Program.* Metropolitan's new rebate program offers guidelines for residents as well as commercial, industrial and institutional users to qualify to receive \$1 for every square foot of grass they replace with more water-efficient native plants, irrigation systems and sustainable features.

To complement Metropolitan's rebate program, community members in West Basin's <u>service area</u> will have the opportunity to attend one of five events that offer a free class designed for attendees to learn how to remove their grass and transform their landscapes into beautiful, sustainable and drought-tolerant gardens. The class will also offer tips on how to take advantage of the various rebates available through Metropolitan's website <u>www.bewaterwise.com</u>, that includes cash back for water-saving sprinkler nozzles, smart sprinkler controls and other devices, in addition to transforming their landscapes.

The West Basin Landscape Transformation series includes the following class dates and times:

- Division I West Basin MWD Board Room Carson, Calif. August 29, 2018
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Division II Darby Park Community Center Inglewood, Calif. September 26, 2018
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Division III South Bay Adult School Redondo Beach, Calif. November 15, 2018
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Division IV Center Street Elementary School El Segundo, Calif. January 30, 2019
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Division V Lawndale Community Center Lawndale, Calif. March 30, 2019 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To RSVP for a class closest to you, please visit <u>www.westbasin.org/conservation</u> or call (310) 371-4633. Registration is required for event attendance.

For more information about West Basin, please visit <u>www.westbasin.org</u>. For details regarding rebates, please visit <u>www.socalwatersmart.com</u>.

*Metropolitan's Landscape Transformation Program funding is limited, and participants for the \$1 rebate offer must comply with requirements that include a simple landscape plan, plant coverage, mulch, rainwater capture and irrigation technology. Qualifying residential projects must remove between 250 and 1,500 square feet of turf in the front yard. Exceptions may apply. Additional details for residents and commercial, institutional and industrial users are available at <u>www.bewaterwise.com</u>.

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that provides imported drinking water to nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin is an industry leader in water conservation, recycling and education. The District is implementing a Water Reliability program to reduce the agency's dependence on imported water and develop local, drought-proof water supplies. This includes water conservation, recycling, groundwater desalting and the exploration of ocean water desalination. Visit <u>www.westbasin.org</u> to learn more.