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WEST BASIN WATER HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF WATER RELIABILITY

West Basin Municipal Water District holds free annual community event on Oct. 14

CARSON, Calif. – [West Basin Municipal Water District](http://www.westbasin.org) (West Basin) will host its 19th annual Water Harvest Festival (Water Harvest) on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at its Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo, Calif. The free family-oriented event will feature 28 educational booths, games, giveaways and water-related activities.

This year's Water Harvest theme celebrates 70 years of water reliability since West Basin's founding in 1947. Activities, such as stage shows will promote the message of sustainable living, environmental stewardship and making conservation a California way of life.

West Basin will host tours of the water recycling facility every 15-minutes beginning at 10:15 a.m. and will end at 1:15 p.m. Visitors age 7 and older can take a close look at the process of purifying wastewater into the five different types of "designer" waters that West Basin produces at the facility. Tour guests even have the opportunity to taste the purified water that meets drinking water standards and helps to replenish the groundwater basin. To date, West Basin has produced more than 175 billion gallons of water with its recycling program.

"Each year, Water Harvest is a hit with the community because it helps connect attendees to their community while spreading a fun message of water reliability," said West Basin Board President Harold C. Williams. "West Basin has been committed to water reliability for 70 years, and we look forward to ensuring engaging and sustainable programs in the years to come."

West Basin will also be providing awards to five local organizations and individuals that remain committed to water reliability through their relationship with West Basin, in a private breakfast ceremony, the morning of the festival. The 2017 awardees are Porsche Experience Center of Carson, Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza of Social Justice Learning Institute, Trevor Oystriek of Mira Costa High School, Councilwoman Lauren Meister of the City of West Hollywood, and Crystal Davis of Hawthorne Math and Science Academy.

Event sponsors include Golden State Water Company, California Water Service, Water Replenishment District, Suez, Carollo Engineers, CH2M, Continental Development Corporation, National Water Research Institute, Tetra Tech, Louis Berger, The Solís Group, DRP, AKM, PWT Chemicals and SPI Engineering.

Water Harvest will take place at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, located at 1935 S. Hughes Way in El Segundo, Calif. Free parking and shuttle service will be available at 1960 E. Grand Ave. (at Sepulveda Blvd.) in El Segundo, Calif.

For a full list of participating booths, schedule of events, and sponsors, please visit <http://www.westbasin.org/community/water-harvest-festival-2017>.

Attendees will be able to join the conversation by posting images and updates using #WaterHarvest2017 on social media and tagging @WestBasin on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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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 recycling, conservation, and water education. West Basin is currently implementing a Water Reliability program to reduce the agency's dependence on imported water and develop drought-proof local water supplies. The program includes water recycling, water conservation, groundwater desalting and ocean water desalination. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.