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## **California State University Dominguez Hills Receives Water Reliability 2020 Award from West Basin Municipal Water District**

CARSON – Water and Energy efficiency has earned Cal State University Dominguez Hills (CSU Dominguez Hills) one of West Basin’s first Water Reliability 2020 Awards. On Saturday, October 24, 2009, West Basin Municipal Water District Board Member Ronald C. (Ron) Smith presented David Andres Gamboa, Director of Community and Government Relations at CSU Dominguez Hills its Water Reliability 2020 award for the University’s extraordinary water and energy efficiency efforts.

“The University’s leadership, not only in academics and education, but environmental stewardship, is to be commended. This West Basin and CSU Dominguez Hills relationship will continue to engender more water and energy savings as it matures,” said Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith, who represents West Basin’s Division I (one) which includes the City of Carson – home of the University.

West Basin’s Water Reliability 2020 awards recognize organizations and individuals in West Basin’s service area who have reduced their water use by actively participating in West Basin’s water efficiency, water recycling, or public education efforts.

Earlier this year, CSU Dominguez Hills participated in West Basin’s Green Living for Apartments and Condos Program to update toilets, showerheads and lightbulbs in on-campus Student Housing. Partnering with South Bay Environmental Services Center, Edison and the Gas Company, West Basin retrofitted 164 student apartments with the installation of 224 high-efficiency toilets, 164 high-efficiency showerheads, and energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs. The University’s foresight is enabling students to save 3.4 million gallons of water every year.

West Basin's Water Reliability (WR) 2020 Program will reduce our area's dependence on less reliable imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River from 66% today, down to 33% by the year 2020.

The work at Cal State Dominguez Hills will help West Basin meet its WR 2020 conservation goals. For more information about West Basin's Water Reliability 2020 program, go to [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) and click on Water Reliability 2020.

The presentation of the award was part of West Basin's *Water Harvest* on October 24<sup>th</sup> in which 2,000 South Bay residents visited West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility to learn about water conservation, tour the recycling plant and learn how to make their own landscapes more water efficient by exploring West Basin's new water-efficient demonstration garden.

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