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LONGTIME ENVIRONMENTAL CRUSADER FRAN SPIVY-WEBER HONORED BY WEST BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARSON – At a time when some environmentalists and water agencies are at odds over issues like the Bay Delta or desalination, West Basin and Fran Spivy-Weber have developed a positive and productive relationship to address water supply issues and recycled water policy. West Basin's Directors recently paused to celebrate Spivy-Weber's demonstrated tenacity in resolving long-standing regional and statewide water policy issues through her constructive leadership and professional approach.

Spivy-Weber has been instrumental as a member of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRC Board), a post she was appointed to in 2007 by Governor Schwarzenegger, and has provided tremendous leadership as it adopted a Statewide Recycled Water Policy. She has been elected Vice-Chair of the SWRC Board.

"On behalf of the West Basin Board of Directors, I would like to recognize Fran Spivy-Weber for her extraordinary service to the residents of California and her outstanding achievements in the water industry," said Board President Edward C. Little. "We applaud her continued, steadfast dedication to resolving environmental and water issues for our State."

In 2002, Spivy-Weber was asked to serve as a water industry expert on the State's Recycled Water Task Force (a post under the Department of Water Resources) to develop and establish uniform requirements for a statewide policy. She served as a member of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and as Co-Chair of its Water Use Efficiency Committee. She also served as Co-Chair of the Southern California Water Dialogue and convener of the California Urban Water Conservation Council. Spivy-Weber has also served on the Boards of the Water Education Foundation, California Council of Land Trusts, and Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund. Prior to joining the State Water Resources Control Board, Spivy-Weber served as Executive Director of the Mono Lake Committee for nearly ten years and as International Programs Director of National Audubon Society for ten years. She serves as the Board liaison to the Los Angeles, San Diego and Lahontan Regional Boards and the Ocean Protection Council Steering Committee. Spivy-Weber represents the Secretary of CalEPA on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

West Basin is committed to water reliability, water quality, sound financial and resource management, customer service, and environmental stewardship and its mission is to provide a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to the communities it serves. West Basin is a recognized, international leader in the production of recycled water, has won several awards for its leadership, water recycling and water resource management. West Basin provides 30 million gallons of recycled water throughout the South Bay each day, replacing enough precious drinking water to supply 60,000 households annually. For more information, visit www.westbasin.org.

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