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WEST BASIN TO HOLD DROUGHT TOWN HALL MEETING

South Bay communities invited to learn how to deal with drought

CARSON, Calif. – During this severe drought, the [West Basin Municipal Water District](#) Board of Directors will host a [town hall meeting](#) to discuss the drought and how local water agencies can assist residents in saving water. The meeting will be held on Aug. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Calif. Community members from West Basin's [service area](#) are invited to learn about the latest drought updates and water-saving tips that will help meet Governor Brown's call for a statewide 25% reduction in water use.

As a wholesale water agency serving a population of nearly one million residents in 17 cities and unincorporated areas along the coastal corridor from Palos Verdes to Malibu, West Basin is working hard to meet the Governor's water reduction goals. Throughout its service area, West Basin residents are being asked to cut water use by 12 percent to as high as 36 percent, and the town hall event will address how to meet these goals and set the stage for a more water-efficient future.

"The town hall is an opportunity for our local residents and businesses to learn how mandated water restrictions are impacting their communities, and how everyone as a whole can work together to save more water," said West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray. "As we are experiencing the worst drought in recorded history, we must all do our part to help ensure a more reliable water future."

To kick off the event, Mayor of Inglewood, James T. Butts Jr. will provide remarks and welcome attendees to the city. Additionally, representatives from Golden State Water Company, California Water Service Company, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, along with West Basin water experts, will be in attendance to provide an update on statewide and local water supplies, free water conservation programs and rebates, and to answer questions from the public.

The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hollywood Park's Breeders' Cup Room, and continental breakfast will be served. Community members are encouraged to RSVP by Aug. 7 by visiting www.westbasin.org/townhall.

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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 researching ocean water desalination. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.