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West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Redondo Beach Dedicate Water Filling Station to Public Use

REDONDO BEACH PIER, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) and the City of Redondo Beach are together dedicating a water filling station to public use today to encourage more people to use refillable water bottles and drink safe, reliable tap water. Sponsors of the drinking water station, United Water and Cal Water Service, will also be present to dedicate the station.

"This water station is a great example of the City's commitment to 'blue zones," said Mayor Mike Gin. "Redondo Beach is focused on helping residents maintain healthy, active lifestyles and this station helps people stay hydrated while protecting the environment from more plastics and waste going into the ocean," Gin said.

The new water filling station provides free, clean water to the public. Visitors need to bring their own water bottles or cups to fill.

Bottled water consumption in the United States has surpassed 11 billion gallons a year. Tap water costs roughly 1,000 times less than bottled water, is closely regulated by the Department of Public Health, and produces less waste. Cal Water Service is the retail water service provider to the Redondo Beach area. West Basin is the wholesale distributor to the coastal Los Angeles area.

"The location of this water filling station is right along the bicycle and recreational path," said West Basin Vice President Carol W. Kwan. "It is easily accessible to people moving through the area, as well as to visitors parking and visiting the businesses on the Redondo Beach Pier," Kwan said.

Funding for the water filling station has been provided by United Water Service, one of the largest international water service providers, and Cal Water Service. Maintenance will be provided by the City of Redondo Beach.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is reducing its dependence on imported water through its Water Reliability 2020 program that will double conservation, double recycled water production and add desalted ocean-water to our portfolio by the year 2020. Partnering with community organizations, businesses and other public agencies keeps West Basin lean and strengthens its programs. West Basin is a wholesale water district that serves nearly a million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas throughout its 185-square mile service area in the coastal Los Angeles area. www.westbasin.org