

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR HAROLD WILLIAMS *Applications to fill the vacancy are being accepted through Friday, February 7, 2025*

CARSON, Calif. – The West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Director Harold Williams effective January 2, 2025, leaving a vacancy on the five-member Board of Directors (Board) for the representative of Division I, which includes the cities of Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and unincorporated Los Angeles County area of Rancho Dominguez.

Williams was first elected to serve on the Board in 2014. Williams has served as the driving force for many key West Basin initiatives including a workforce development career pipeline for young people in the water industry and marketing water conservation programs for equity and accessibility across all West Basin communities. During his tenure on the West Basin Board, Williams served as one of two West Basin representatives on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors from 2018 until 2022 and represented the District on various water industry association committees. Williams concludes his service on the West Basin Board after nearly three terms in office, and after 40 years as a California registered civil engineer and in public service. Board President Desi Alvarez says, "The Board appreciates Director Williams' passion for maintaining and improving infrastructure and his commitment to public service."

At a Special Meeting of the Board on January 8, 2025, West Basin Directors, in accordance with the Municipal Water District Law (Water Code section 71000 et. seq.), determined to fill the Division I director vacancy for the remaining twoyear term through an appointment process. The Board has 60 days to make the appointment from the day of the vacancy, or by Monday, March 3, 2025.

Residents who are registered to vote in Division I of the West Basin Municipal Water District are invited to apply. The term of office for this appointment expires in December 2026. The General Election on November 3, 2026 will determine the director position for a full four-year term of office that would commence once the election has been certified in December 2026. The person appointed to fill the current vacancy may choose to run for the full term office.

The Board will be accepting letters of interest and resumes, including relevant supporting documents, for candidates seeking to fill the vacancy. The West Basin Board of Directors requests that application materials be submitted by 4:00 pm on Friday, February 7, 2025 via:

- 1) Email to <u>Division1Vacancy@westbasin.org</u>
- 2) Mail to:

West Basin Municipal Water District Division I Vacancy Board Secretary 17140 Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA 90746

3) In person delivery to the above office address

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, as well as conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.