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## **WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTS TOMMY FAABAE AS DIVISION I DIRECTOR**

**CARSON, Calif.** – At a special meeting of the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin or District) Board of Directors, the Board unanimously appointed Tommy Faavae as the Division I Director, filling the vacancy following Harold Williams’ resignation in January 2025. Division I encompasses the District’s service area of Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Rancho Dominguez.

Faavae, a lifelong Carson resident, has dedicated his career to championing environmental advocacy, workforce development and equitable opportunities for all. He has led significant legislative initiatives, secured major funding for clean energy initiatives and remains deeply committed to public service. Notably, Faavae was instrumental in establishing ARCHES (Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems) which secured \$1.2 billion in federal funding for renewable hydrogen solutions in California in 2023. From his technical expertise as a journeyman installing electrical systems for water infrastructure projects at Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant to his workforce development mentorship for entry-level and formerly incarcerated people within the electrical industry, Faavae remains devoted to public service and advancing community resources. Faavae has been a proud member of IBEW Local 11 for more than 25 years where he currently serves as the Business Development Manager representing more than 11,000 members and 350 electrical contractors.

“We are pleased to have so many good candidates apply, and it was a difficult decision. However, we are excited to welcome Tommy Faavae to the West Basin Board of Directors,” said West Basin Board President and Division II Director Gloria Gray. “His professional acumen will contribute significantly to the leadership of the District. The Board will continue to foster impactful progression as we tackle the complex challenges and opportunities of ensuring sustainable and equitable water solutions for the communities we serve. This collective work will further advance our mission of providing safe, reliable water and improving environmental stewardship across our region.”

“I am honored to be appointed as the West Basin Division I Director. I strongly believe in the significant impacts of public service,” said Division I Director Tommy Faavae. “I am focused on ensuring safe, clean and reliable drinking water for our residents. Together, I look forward to building a resilient future for the District and the people we serve.”

In accordance with the Municipal Water District Law (Water Code section 71000 et. seq.), the appointment of Faavae as the Division I Director will be in effect for the remainder of the position term. 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.

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