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## Water Quality Specialist, Engineer, Plant Operator jobs shared with students during Job Shadow Day at West Basin

EL SEGUNDO, CALIF—Last week, West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) hosted 15 high school students in honor of Job Shadow Day at its water purification facility in El Segundo. High School students from Morningside High School, Inglewood High School, and Animo Leadership Charter High Schools in Inglewood visited the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility to explore a day in the life of plant operators, maintenance workers, water quality specialists, chemists, engineers, and management.

"West Basin and United Water are able to provide direct exposure to various careers in the water industry," said Director Gloria D. Gray, "and we hope to spark an interest in young people to be our next generation of water leaders who are focused on providing reliable water supplies for our communities."

West Basin co-hosted Job Shadow Day with United Water, the private company that operates West Basin's water purification facility. Coordinated by the Inglewood Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, West Basin's participation in Job Shadow Day provides an opportunity for students to see what it takes to bring water to their tap and to businesses.

The 15 high school students were shown a wide range of careers that require various levels of training and education, from chemistry, biology, and engineering, to water resource planning, public relations, and technical operations. A tour of the water purification facility was also provided to share West Basin's innovative techniques to transform sewer water into pure, distilled-quality water in 20 minutes, who is responsible for running the equipment, how water quality is tested, and how public outreach is conducted to educate the community about our precious water supply.