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HAWTHORNE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DAN JUAREZ RECOGNIZED FOR CHAMPIONING WATER RELIABILITY 2020 PROGRAM BY WEST BASIN

CARSON, Calif.— As part of the ongoing success of West Basin's Water Reliability 2020 program to educate the communities in its service area about the need to reduce our dependence on imported water and develop local supplies, the West Basin Board of Directors recognized Hawthorne City Council Member Dan Juarez for being an ambassador of the program. Council Member Juarez was presented a Water Reliability 2020 Medal for his voluntary participation in the program and for making water a priority for the residents and businesses of Hawthorne.

"Council Member Juarez has been influential in West Basin's Water Reliability 2020 outreach and has been personally involved in our conservation programs to help residents of Hawthorne reduce their water use both indoors and outdoors," said West Basin Board Vice President Donald L. Dear who serves the City of Hawthorne. "Council Member Juarez has helped recruit a local nonprofit organization, the AYSO, to participate in West Basin's High Efficiency Toilet Exchange and has participated in its recent Ocean-Friendly Landscape Workshop," said Dear.

The 300 High Efficiency Toilets distributed at the recent Hawthorne event use 1.2 gallons per flush and will help residents save almost 4 million gallons a year. The Ocean-Friendly Landscape workshop attracted 45 local residents interested in learning how to transform their yards into healthy, water-efficient landscapes that produce less runoff to the ocean and keep pollutants from running off into our beaches and coastline.

West Basin's Water Reliability 2020 program goal is to reduce our region's dependence on imported water in half by the year 2020 by doubling conservation, doubling water recycling, and adding desalted ocean-water to its local supplies.

Take advantage of incredible water savings and save money on your water bill! To participate in any of West Basin's water efficiency programs or to join 4,000 of your neighbors in supporting the Water Reliability 2020 program, visit <u>www.westbasin.org</u>.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is reducing its dependence on imported water through the 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.