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WEST BASIN RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS UTILITY OF THE FUTURE TODAY

Recognition coincides with the 25th anniversary of the District's recycled water program

CARSON, Calif.— West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) has been selected as a Utility of the Future Today for its successful recycled water program. The designation is reserved for forward-thinking, innovative water utilities that are engaged in advancing resource efficiency and recovery, developing proactive relationships with stakeholders, and establishing resilient, sustainable, and livable communities.

“West Basin is honored to be recognized for its history of leadership and innovation in the recycled water sector,” said Gloria D. Gray, President of the West Basin Board of Directors. “The importance of recycled water as a reliable, sustainable resource grows greater with each passing year. West Basin remains committed to investing in progressive water recycling programs that help ensure the diverse water needs of our region will be met for many years to come.”

The [Utility of the Future Today](#) program was launched in 2016 by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Water Research Foundation (WRF) and the WaterReuse Association, with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In response to ongoing drought and increased volatility of imported water supplies in the 1990s, West Basin began developing recycled water as a new, sustainable water supply for coastal Los Angeles County. Since 1995, the District has invested more than \$700 million to produce more than 225 billion gallons of recycled water for a variety of purposes, including groundwater replenishment, landscape irrigation and various industrial uses. In celebration of 25 years of recycled water innovation, a short documentary was produced by Jim Thebaut's Chronicles Group to examine the impact and importance of West Basin's recycled water program.

In another milestone, the District announced that one of its recently completed recycled water infrastructure improvement projects received the [2020 Best Project Award](#) from Engineering News-Record for the California Region in the “Water/Environment” category, further supporting West Basin's status as a recycled water leader.

“The innovations coming to the water sector present an opportunity for a paradigm shift in the way utilities think about and solve long-standing challenges to clean and reliable water,” said Jackie Jarrell, WEF President. “WEF is excited to recognize West Basin Municipal Water District for embracing innovative ways to better serve their communities.”

The District was recognized as a Utility of the Future Today during a pre-recorded awards ceremony today during [WEFTEC Connect](#).

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West Basin Municipal Water District 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, and 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.