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DONALD L. DEAR AND DESI ALVAREZ ELECTED TO WEST BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARSON, Calif. – The [West Basin Municipal Water District](#) (West Basin) announced that Donald L. Dear and Desi Alvarez have been formally sworn in to four-year terms on the West Basin Board of Directors. Both directors took their oath of office today and will join their board colleagues in overseeing the policy and strategic planning decisions for a public water agency that serves a population of nearly one million residents.

Director Dear won his November re-election campaign to continue representing Division V, which includes the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of El Camino Village. He is now the longest serving member on the board, having represented Division V for the past 20 years. This will be his sixth term on the Board.

“Director Dear has admirably served this District for two decades now, during which time he has overseen countless significant programs and initiatives that have greatly benefited our communities,” stated West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray. “We are excited about his re-election and know that he will continue to be an important leader on this board.”

Director Alvarez won his first term to the West Basin Division III seat, where he will serve as the representative for the cities of Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and a portion of Torrance. He has 30 years of water management experience that includes time spent in both the public and private sectors.

“We are pleased to welcome Director Alvarez to our board and look forward to working with him to continue delivering on our mission of providing a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to our communities,” said Board President Gloria D. Gray. “His passion for water issues really stands out and will be a great benefit to West Basin in the coming years.”

Director Alvarez is replacing long-time West Basin Board Member Carol C. Kwan, who served the District for nearly 25 years. Director Kwan was both the first woman and the first Asian American to serve on the Board when she was initially elected to her seat in 1996. At its November meeting, the Board recognized and thanked Director Kwan for her six terms of service to the District.

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About West Basin

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.