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### **CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND WEST BASIN SUSTAINABLE MODEL GARDEN DEBUTS**

**CARSON, Calif.** – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Division IV Director Scott Houston and West Hollywood Mayor Lauren Meister at the unveiling of the Ocean Friendly Garden in the city of West Hollywood. The project is sponsored in part by West Basin as part of its Ocean Friendly Garden Program. At the March 29<sup>th</sup> event, West Basin Director Houston, said “West Basin is proud to partner with the City of West Hollywood on its water conservation efforts through the installation of an Ocean Friendly Garden as part of the City’s Art on the Outside project. Designed with water conservation in mind, West Basin’s Ocean Friendly Gardens provide communities with sustainable “model gardens” that showcase how beautiful and water efficient plants native to California can be in landscaping. This garden will serve as a daily reminder that water conservation is now a way of life, and it is our responsibility to work together to protect and preserve this most precious natural resource.” Mayor Meister added, “We must work each day to save ourselves from a severe water shortage with a simple decision we make together to conserve. This Ocean Friendly Garden is part of the solution.” For more information about West Basin’s conservation programs please visit:

[www.westbasin.org/conservation](http://www.westbasin.org/conservation).

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