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**CAROL W. KWAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WEST BASIN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

First Female and Asian American Elected to the West Basin Board Brings 16 Years' Experience

CARSON, Calif. – The West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors elected Carol W. Kwan to serve as its Board President for 2013. Director Kwan was first elected to the West Basin Board of Directors in 1996 and previously served as Board Vice President. She was the first Asian American, and the first female, to be elected to the West Basin Board.

“Over the past 16 years I have seen West Basin continue building on its reputation as one of the most progressive and innovative water supply agencies,” said President Kwan. “In 2013, we will continue our Water Reliability 2020 program to create new and more reliable water supplies through water recycling, conservation and desalination. I’m excited to see this year bring ten new Ocean Friendly Gardens, an additional 16 million gallons per day at our recycling facility and environmental studies on the future of ocean-water desalination,” Kwan said.

President Kwan represents the cities of Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. She won re-election in November 2008 and is currently in her fifth term of office. President Kwan was instrumental in the installation of the South Bay’s first free, water bottle filling station last fall in Redondo Beach. The new station encourages residents to drink local tap water and reuse bottles to protect our coastal environment. Her efforts to further promote water efficiency in coastal Los

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Angeles were highlighted recently through a partnership with Redondo Union High School. West Basin coordinated a new ocean-friendly garden with the high school which was dedicated last week. The students planted a “living classroom” and will be responsible for maintaining the flora and fauna as part of their curriculum.

West Basin’s Board organization occurs once annually at its January board meeting. Serving as Vice President this year is Edward C. Little who has served on the West Basin Board since 1989 and represents Culver City, El Segundo, Malibu, West Hollywood and Lennox, North Ladera Heights, Del Aire, Topanga, View Park and Windsor Hills. Ronald (Ron) C. Smith, representing the Palos Verdes peninsula and city of Carson since 2006, remains in his post as Treasurer.

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West Basin Municipal Water District is committed to water reliability, water quality, sound financial and resource management, customer service, and environmental stewardship. West Basin is a recognized, international leader in the production of recycled water. The District provides more than 30 million gallons of recycled water throughout the South Bay each day, replacing enough precious drinking water to supply 60,000 households annually. To learn more, visit www.westbasin.org.