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DIRECTOR GLORIA GRAY RECEIVES A-MAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Director Gloria Gray received an award from A-MAN, Inc. for “outstanding community service” last Friday. The award was given during the A-MAN’s 22nd Annual Tom Bradley Recognition Dinner in Los Angeles.

“The A-MAN Inc. organization is an excellent resource for young African-American students striving to further their educational achievements, especially in the areas of science and technology. I am honored to receive an award from a group that means so much to our community and is helping to build our future leaders,” she noted.

The A-MAN, Inc. mission is to utilize science and technology as a motivational tool, and to advance the educational achievement, intellectual and career development of African-American students and other minority students between the ages of 5 and 18 years of age. A-MAN, Inc. seeks partnerships with individuals and institutions who share the vision to increase diversity in the science and technology fields.

Director Gray has served on the West Basin Board since 2006 and represents the Division II cities of Inglewood, South Ladera Heights, a portion of Lennox and Athens, Howard and Ross-Sexton. She also serves as a council member on the Delta Stewardship Council which strives to provide a more reliable water supply for California and protect, restore, and enhance the Delta ecosystem. Gray was appointed in 2010 by Speaker of the Assembly Karen Bass and was the first African-American to serve on the council.

Gray has a long history of public service including a 36-year career with the Los Angeles County Departments of Human Services and Health Services, and serving on several Inglewood Unified School District Boards and commissions. She was also appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to serve on the Water Quality Community Task Force, part of the county’s “Clean Water, Clean Beaches” initiative to address pollution in local waterways.

In 2011, she received the “Women in Action Award” from the Los Angeles African-American Women’s Public Policy Institute for her positive representation as a role model for young women. Last year, she received the honorable “Harriet Wieder” award for leadership in water

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from the Southern California Water Committee and special recognition from the Friends of the Ballona Wetlands for leadership on current and future water issues.

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