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## Water Replenishment District and West Basin Municipal Water District Launch Virtual Career Day Series

**Lakewood, CA (September 22, 2020)** – The Water Replenishment District (WRD) and West Basin Municipal District (West Basin MWD) are launching a Virtual Water Industry Career Day and Guest Panel. This free career day video series is geared towards students ranging from sixth grade through college seniors. The series will culminate in a live panel with an opportunity for questions and answers.

The live interactive panel will be held on October 15, 2020, through a zoom webinar, where featured panelists will speak to students about careers in engineering, mapping technology (GIS), hydrogeology, and operations. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about career paths in the water industry field with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Pre-recorded videos will be released on the following dates at the following link: <u>Careers In Water</u>

- Tuesday, September 29
- Thursday, October 1
- Tuesday, October 6
- Thursday, October 8

"We're proud to partner with the West Basin MWD on this program which provides quality opportunities for STEM students regarding the multiple career paths, competitive salaries, and myriad opportunities in the ever-expanding water industry," said WRD Board President Vera Robles DeWitt. "These virtual interviews are a great way to showcase what the water industry has to offer."

"This partnership is integral to empowering the next generation of water industry professionals," said West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray. "West Basin is proud to work with WRD to develop new opportunities that encourage students to consider pursuing a rewarding career in the water industry."

Students and educators can register for the live panel and video series here: Water Industry Careers

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The Water Replenishment District (WRD) has been managing and protecting groundwater resources for 60 years. WRD manages two of the most utilized groundwater basins which provide half of the drinking water for over 4 million residents in 43 cities of Southern Los Angeles County. Through WRD's Water Independence Now (WIN) Program, the District has developed a resilient and locally sustainable source of water for groundwater replenishment.