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## **Water Replenishment District Participates in Congressional Roundtable**

*WRD General Manager testifies before Congressional Delegation*

(Baldwin Park, CA)- Today, the Water Replenishment District (WRD) participated in the United States House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Field Roundtable on "America's Water Resources Infrastructure: Concepts for the Next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)." This roundtable was convened by the subcommittee's Chair, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano.

WRD's General Manager, Robb Whitaker, provided expert testimony on the district's success in creating a completely locally sustainable source of water for groundwater replenishment through WRD's Water Independence Now Initiative. With the completion of WRD's Albert Robles Center, the district can provide half of the drinking water for over 4 million people without a drop of water imported from the Bay Delta or Colorado River.

The purpose of this roundtable was to examine the challenges local water providers face in addressing water resource issues, specifically in Southern California. Participants included representatives from several stakeholders including Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and Metropolitan Water District Chairwoman Gloria Gray.

"The Water Replenishment District is grateful for this Committee's efforts to bring attention to the water infrastructure needs of the Southern California region," said WRD Board President Vera Robles DeWitt. "WRD is committed to preserving and protecting our vital groundwater resources and we appreciate this opportunity to highlight our important work to create a drought-proof and resilient water future."

*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.*