

Press Release



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FORMER CENTRAL DIRECTOR GEORGE COLE IS HONORED BY THE CENTRAL BASIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE BELL CITY COUNCIL

COMMERCE - The Central Basin Board of Directors presented former Central Basin Director George Cole with a Certificate of Recognition this month to commemorate his 24 years of outstanding service on the Bell City Council, and to honor him upon his retirement from the Council.

As a Councilmember, Director Cole served four terms as Mayor, demonstrating visionary leadership and commitment through his involvement in public safety, community well-being and education.

"There is no question that George has had a tremendous impact on our community," said Central Basin Board President Robert Apodaca. "The programs and partnerships he spearheaded have not only improved the health and welfare of the City, but also of the greater Southeast Los Angeles Community."

In the area of education, Director Cole assisted in bringing together local parents and school officials to reduce student dropout rates. He also played a key role in creating a teen counseling center, along with other youth programs.

Director Cole also brought attention to senior citizen issues in the community, assisting in the development of Bell's first senior living complexes.

Director Cole announced his retirement from the Bell City Council on October 7, 2008.

Central Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in southeast Los Angeles County, serving a population of more than 2 million. In addition, Central Basin provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial uses. Formed in 1952, Central Basin is committed to ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for the region. For more information please visit www.centralbasin.org.

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The Central Basin Board of Directors presented former Director George Cole with a Certificate of Recognition for his Outstanding Service on the City of Bell City Council

From Left: Director Art Chacon, Director Ed Vasquez, Director Robert Apodaca, George Cole, Director Phil Hawkins, and Director Rudy Montalvo

NOTE TO EDITORS: More pictures are available upon request.

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