



For Immediate Release  
September 16, 2008

Contact: Valerie Howard  
Office: (323) 201-5552  
Cell: (310) 801-4073

**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

**Drought-Proofing Region One Toilet at a Time**

*Central Basin partners with local agencies to distribute 750+ High Efficiency Toilets – last event of the year will be September 27<sup>th</sup> in Artesia*

**What:** In a continued effort to mitigate the regional impact of a statewide drought, Central Basin Municipal Water District has partnered with local agencies to bring back its popular High Efficiency Toilet (HET) distributions for a limited time.

From August 23 - September 27, three HET Distributions were scheduled in the Cities of Lynwood, Downey and Artesia. For each event, residents from throughout the District's 24-city service area could qualify to participate.

HETs, which included the newest water-saving technology, use only 1.3 gallons per flush (gpf) or less, compared to older models that use 5-7 gpf. In total, more than 750 HETs will be distributed through this program.

**On September 27, Central Basin, in partnership with Golden State Water Company and the Metropolitan Water District, will host the final – and largest – HET Distribution of this program in the City of Artesia.** Nearly 500 HETs, which have a market value of \$300 or more, will be given away FREE to pre-qualified residents from throughout Central Basin's service area.

Funds raised from the recycling of old toilets will be donated to the City of **Artesia's Friends of the Library**, for the purchase of new books and library resources.

**FOR RESIDENTS:** To verify your eligibility and reserve your FREE High Efficiency Toilet, please call the Oldtimers Foundation at 1-877-732-2830.

**When:** **SATURDAY, September 27, 2008**  
Starting at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
*\*By reservation only*

**Where:** Please call (323) 201-5552 for event location

**Who:** Residents living in the following cities qualify to receive a FREE Toilet:

**Central Basin MWD**

Artesia	Lynwood
Bell	Maywood
Bellflower	Montebello
Bell Gardens	Norwalk
Cerritos	Paramount
Commerce	Pico Rivera
Downey	Santa Fe Springs
Hawaiian Gardens	Signal Hill
Huntington Park	South Gate
La Habra Heights	Vernon
Lakewood	Walnut Park
La Mirada	Whittier

*Note to Editor: Digital Photos Available.*

*About Central Basin: 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](http://www.centralbasin.org).*

###