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al Basin Water Slated Tomorrow

ist Los Angeles County Area
ecide Whether to Join MWD

7, Sept. 10—Proposed annexation of virtually
east Los Angeles County to the Metropolitan
ict will be decided in a special election Tues-
g ballots on the issue will be voters of Central
cipal Water District, comprising more than
miles and a population of nearly 1,000,000.

The district covers 10 cities:
Bolt, Huntington Park, Lake-
wood, Maywood, Lynwood,
Montebello, Signal Hill, South
Gate, Vernon and Whittier. Un-
incorporated communities in
the district include Arleta,
Baldwin, Bell Gardens, Bel-
vedere, Cudahy, Downey, East
Los Angeles, East Whittier,
Florence, Los Nietos, Mira-
monte, Norwalk, Paramount,
Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs,
South Whittier, Walnut Park
and Westbrook.

Water Purchase Aim

The election was called by
the water district's board of
directors to qualify the area for
purchase of water from the
MWD for a supplemental sup-
ply to the deep wells which are
the only source of water for
the entire area. It is contended
the wells are rapidly being ex-
hausted.

If annexation is approved,
taxpayers of Central Basin,
which includes nearly \$1,000,
000,000 worth of taxable prop-
erty, will be obligated for some
\$70,000,000 to have tax pay-
ments of the MWD. It is esti-
mated that this, together with
current MWD assessments, will
add about 41 cents per \$100
of assessed valuation to prop-
erty owners' tax bills.

Proponents of the measure
declare the water situation is
rapidly reaching crisis propor-
tions, and that water ration-
ing and curtailment of indus-
trial operations in the area
might ensue if an additional
water supply is not soon pro-
vided. They estimate current
sewerage at more than 100,000
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