

**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**APRIL 13, 2006 – Water Resources**  
Little, Baker  
**APRIL 24, 2006 – Board Meeting**  
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CONSENT CALENDAR

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S (MWD) COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROGRAM  
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY:

The Santa Monica Baykeeper will be applying for \$5,000 in funding through MWD's Community Partnering Program for its Clean Water Act: Empower the People Program. The program is set up to educate 500 people by Marcy 2007 about the role that they could and should be playing in the enforcement of the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972. The funding will pay for labor, materials/supplies, and administrative costs to launch the program. As part of the application, a Letter of Recommendation must be provided by the Member Agency.

West Basin has supported Baykeeper events/projects in the past, including its Kelpfest and annual "Clean Cities, Clean Oceans" stormwater pollution education contest. There is every reason to believe that this new program will be very successful by teaching citizens about the framework and how they can use it to improve water quality in their local waterbodies.

The Board is being requested to approve sending a letter of support to MWD for the Baykeeper program.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on April 13, 2006. The Committee approved sending a letter of support and agendized the Committee's action to April 24, 2006 Board meeting Consent Calendar for ratification.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board approves sending a letter of support to MWD for the Baykeeper's Clean Water Act: Empower the People Program.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Draft Letter of Support  
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