

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 6, 2008 - Communications

Kwan (Chair), Gray

FEBRUARY 25, 2008 - Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROGRAM LETTER OF SUPPORT
CITY OF HAWTHORNESUMMARY:

The City of Hawthorne has submitted an application (Exhibit "A") to Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Community Partnering Program. This grant program provides funding for water-related, educational outreach on regional water resources issues. As part of MWD's Community Partnering Program, a letter of support for grant applications that are within West Basin's service area are required. In the past few years, the Board has authorized letters of support to the following entities:

- LA Audubon Society;
- City of Hawthorne;
- City of Malibu;
- LA Conservation Corps.; and
- Hermosa Beach, Friends of the Parks.

The City of Hawthorne is requesting \$2,000 in funding from MWD to help fund their 3rd Annual Earth Day Festival on April 26, 2008 at Memorial Park. The City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Rotary Club will team up to present a day of free fun and education in celebration of the environment, with over 1,000 anticipated to attend. West Basin supported this event in 2007.

The event welcomes a variety of businesses, non-profit organizations and community groups to a fun-filled day in the park. The event will feature ways to help the environment, food and entertainment.

The \$2,000 requested from MWD would be used for outreach and development of water conservation-related materials.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

The item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on February 6, 2008 and recommended for approval at the February 25, 2008 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board approves and authorizes the President to sign a letter of support for the City of Hawthorne's Community Partnering Program grant application.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Hawthorne's Request to MWD
Exhibit "B" - Draft Letter of Support

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