

July 28, 2008

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**Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Grant Program
Letter of Support**

On behalf of West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Malibu's grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board to fund a Coastal Preservation Specialist and a subsurface infiltration system.

The City is requesting funding in the amount of \$540,000 through the Proposition 84 - Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Grant Program. This program is intended to help coordinate the City's programs with West Basin's water conservation efforts, specifically with our Ocean Friendly Garden Program. The City of Malibu's uniqueness of having an ASBS area creates an opportunity to focus water conservation efforts in this region not only to conserve water but to protect the environment.

West Basin strongly believes that this program is worthy of receiving funding from the State Water Resources Control Board's program.

We look forward to the State Water Resources Control Board's approval of the City of Malibu's application. If you require further information, please contact Leighanne Reeser at (310) 660-6225.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Dear
President

cc: West Basin Board of Directors

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