

July 28, 2008

Mr. Kevin McLaughlin
Community Partnering Program
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

**GrowingGreat Garden Program
Letter of Support**

On behalf of West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), we are pleased to provide this letter of support for GrowingGreat's Garden Program.

GrowingGreat is requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000 through the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Community Partnering Program. Through an innovative school-based garden building, plant cultivation and study program, GrowingGreat inspires children and adults to adopt healthy eating habits. This year, GrowingGreat, in partnership with West Basin, will enhance their nutrition education curriculum to promote the benefits of tap water to human health and the environment. This will be achieved by providing lesson plans and activities addressing Southern California's water supply and current resource issues and teaching over 8,000 kindergarten through fifth grade students each year about water efficient practices in the school garden and in their home. Because this program relies on strong school administration, parental and community support in garden installation, maintenance, and docent led student instruction, a civic-minded, proactive adult population will benefit from this water conservation program too.

West Basin looks forward to the continued partnership with GrowingGreat and will be incorporating this program's expansion into West Basin's Education Master Plan.

West Basin strongly believes that this program is worthy of receiving funding from MWD's Community Partnering Program

We look forward to MWD's approval of the GrowingGreat's application. If you require further information, please contact Darryl Ramos-Young at (310) 660-6216.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Dear
President