



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. _____

JANUARY 7, 2009–Communications
Kwan (Chair), Gray
JANUARY 26, 2009 – Board Meeting
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CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROGRAM LETTER OF SUPPORT TOPANGA EARTH DAY

SUMMARY:

The Rock and Stone International Humanities Center (Center), located in Topanga, has applied 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 is required.

The Rock and Stone International Humanities Center is requesting \$3,000 in funding from MWD to help fund their 10th Annual Earth Day Festival on April 18-19, 2009 at the Topanga Community House Fairgrounds. The Center has teamed up with many environmental organizations to help bring awareness to an anticipated 5,000 people.

The event will include music, guest speakers, a gallery of ecological artists, non-profit organizations, biodegradable solutions, an environmental demonstration area, ecological products and services, water conservation, alternative energy, native planting, and much more.

The \$3,000 would be used for website management, outreach materials, and a Recycling/Water Conservation/Native Planting Guide.

This is the first time West Basin would support this event.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 5, Customer/Community Services – Provide for the needs of our customer agencies and the communities we serve in a way that reflects their needs.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

Customer Service – West Basin is committed to providing value by understanding and meeting the needs of our customers and the communities we serve.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on January 7, 2009 and agendized to the January 26, 2009 Board meeting Consent Calendar.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the President to sign a letter of support for the Rock and Stone International Humanities Center's MWD Community Partnering Program grant application.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Draft Letter of Support

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