

February 29, 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:

**City of Hawthorne Earth Day Festival
Letter of Recommendation**

On behalf of the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), we are pleased to provide this Letter of Recommendation for the City of Hawthorne's (City) 2009 Earth Day Festival.

The City has requested funding in the amount of \$2,000 through the Metropolitan Water District's Community Partnering Program under the Short-Term Special Event/Activity category. The Earth Day event will focus on improving the local environment through recycling, the City's stormwater pollution prevention program, and education and conservation workshops.

West Basin believes this community educational event is worthy of receiving funding from MWD's Community Partnering Program.

We look forward to MWD's approval of the City of Hawthorne's application. If you require further information, please contact Fernando Paludi at (310) 660-6214.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Dear
President

cc: West Basin Board of Directors