



**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
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**AGENDA NO. 30**

**DECEMBER 17, 2009 – Water Resources**

Little (Chair), Gray

**DECEMBER 28, 2009 – Board Meeting**

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## ACTION 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 Municipal Water District's (West Basin) service area are required. In the past few years, the Board has authorized letters of support for several entities.

The Center is requesting \$2,000 in funding from MWD to help fund their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Festival on April 17-18, 2010 at the Topanga Community House Fairgrounds. The Center has teamed up with many environmental organizations to help bring awareness to an anticipated 6,000 attendees. Last year's event brought 4,600 attendees preceded by 3,500 in 2008.

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. Sixty percent of the proceeds are donated to environmental awareness, preservation and survival programs.

The \$2,000 requested by MWD would be used for website management, outreach materials, and a Recycling/Water Conservation/Native Planting leaflet.

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

#### STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 3: 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 Water Resources Committee on December 17, 2009 and recommended for approval at the December 28, 2009 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorize 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" – Grant Application  
Exhibit "B" – Draft Letter of Support

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