

**CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**    **JULY 12, 2006 - Communications**  
Apodaca, Vasquez  
**JULY 24, 2006 - Board Meeting**  
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ACTION CALENDAR

WHITTIER GREENWAY TRAIL GRANT SUBMISSION

SUMMARY:

The City of Whittier is planning to submit its Greenway Trail project for grant funding from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) through the Community Partnering Program. Although the specific grant category and amount being requested by the City is still being determined, the application requires the endorsement of a MWD member agency.

On June 26, the Assistant City Manager of Whittier, Nancy Mendez, presented information to the Board on the 5-mile, multi-use trail. Construction for the Whittier Greenway Trail began on July 1, 2006. Once completed, the trail will pass through residential, commercial and institutional properties in Whittier, providing residents and visitors with a convenient route to walk or bike through town.

Funding for the estimated \$13 million project came primarily from a Metropolitan Transit Authority grant, supplemented by state and federal funds. Project costs include \$4 million for property acquisition, \$1.2 million for design and approximately \$8 million for construction and project management.

The Greenway Trail could provide future partnering opportunities to expand water conservation through the use of reclaimed water, California-friendly landscaping and educational exhibits. Staff recommends that the Board endorse the Whittier Greenway Trail for the MWD grant application.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on July 12, 2006 and was recommended for approval at the July 24, 2006 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board endorses the Whittier Greenway Trail for the MWD Community Partnering grant.

EXHIBITS:

None.