

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**MAY 1, 2007 - Communications**

Apodaca, Chacon

MAY 22, 2007 - Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR**THINK EARTH IT'S MAGIC – CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER****SUMMARY:**

In April 2005, the District in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and The Think Earth Environmental Education Foundation, funded by a Community Partnering Grant from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, successfully piloted the Think Earth It's Magic Program to select elementary schools within the District's service areas. Since that time, over 7,500 elementary students have participated in Think Earth It's Magic.

Think Earth It's Magic combines a grade level appropriate Think Earth Environmental Education curriculum unit with an environmental magic show that reinforces the environmental education lessons learned in the classroom. During the 2006-07 school year, over 5,000 students participated in the program, which continues to be hugely successful and popular among the District's elementary school principals, teachers and most importantly students.

Think Earth It's Magic was developed seven years ago through a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation and is the only California Science Content Standards-based program of its type within California. The program is administered by California State University, San Bernardino College of Education's Environmental Education Resource Center.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

A total of \$35,000 to be allocated from Tier Two funds. Funds have been included in the FY 2007-08 Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on May 7, 2007 and was recommended for approval at the May 22, 2007 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the General Manager to enter into an agreement with California State University, San Bernardino College of Education's Environmental Education Resource Center for environmental education services for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.

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