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Yesterday, Chair Pam O'Connor, COO Carolyn Flowers, and other staff attended the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Spring Green Fair. The Fair started with the MWD Chairman's Breakfast attended by COO Flowers and staff and was followed by the Opening Ceremonies at MWD's Courtyard. The purpose of the event is to promote "green" products and initiate awareness of sustainability and the practice of sustainability.

MWD General Manager Jeff Kightlinger provided Opening Remarks and MWD Director Sylvia Ballin along with members of the Ohlone Costanoan Indian Tribe provided the invocation. MWD Board Chair Tim Brick presented MWD's perspective on sustainability and Chair Pam O'Connor provided an overview of our sustainability program and how that program interrelates to the overall sustainability efforts of others, like MWD.

There were over 30 "certified-green" vendors who participated in the Fair and we participated as an exhibitor. Workshops on green procurement, green construction, and related topics were offered and were well attended.

FY09 Budget Adopted

The Daily News and City News Service attended today's Board meeting. The reporters were interested in the FY09 Budget and adoption by the Board. Media Relations also distributed a [news release](#) following Board action on the FY 09 Budget. Stories are expected to run tomorrow.

Sustainability Summit to be Held on May 28, 2008

On Wednesday, May 28, 2008, we will be holding a Sustainability Summit in the 3rd Floor Board Room from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The purpose of the summit is to provide information about environmental issues facing public agencies and cities in LA County and explore ways to improve environmental practices and policies. Topics of discussion will include:

- Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Management
- Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Methods
- Green Buildings and Environmental Management Systems
- Your Community: Smart Growth and Community Development

Successful efforts to increase sustainability at public agencies and cities can have a large impact in the conservation of both natural and financial resources by providing an example for the larger community and by helping to shape the values and behaviors of LA County's population.

Board members who wish to attend can contact my office for more information and so we can make the necessary arrangements.

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