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San Fernando Valley Governance Council member Kimberleigh Richards, Metro Community Relations Manager Rich Morallo, Metro Environmental Compliance and Services Director Cris Liban and his son Jean Paul attended the H2O Clean Clear Water Festival to show their support – along with event organizers Rotary Club-Sunset Sherman Oaks – for ending pollution of waterways and beaches in Southern California. *Photo courtesy of Cris Liban.*



### Metro Supports Sherman Oaks Clean Water Festival

(April 30, 2008) Information booths, food and activities were all the rage at the H2O Clean Clear Water Festival, April 27, in Sherman Oaks. The event was meant to increase awareness of the hazards of pollution to waterways and beaches, and to promote good habits so the damage that's already done can be corrected.

Metro supplied an information booth as well as the location – the Orange Line Sepulveda Park/Ride – to support the environmentally-conscious cause, organized by the Rotary Club-Sunset of Sherman Oaks.

Metro's Sustainability Committee, directed by Board Chair Pam O'Connor, has partnered with the local Rotary Club in a pilot program to install five aqua filtration filters at drain locations along the Orange Line route. Trash is constantly washed into the county waterways through these drains and the filters should dramatically reduce the amount of waste that ends up at the beaches.

Los Angeles County Supervisor and board member Zev Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel supported the event, which was co-hosted by the Rotary Club and Metro. -- *from Helen Gilstrap*

