



# Public Works Agency Celebrates Earth Day With Tree Planting

Friday, April 22, 2011

Public Works Agency's first Earth Day event was celebrated with students from Glenn L. Martin Elementary School along with Mid-City Neighborhood Association members. The Principal of Glenn L. Martin Elementary School did an outstanding job of incorporating the event into a teaching opportunity. The school had an essay contest and poster art contest, and the top three essays were read by their 5<sup>th</sup> grade authors, and the winning poster was printed and posted everywhere. In addition, three girls apparently were inspired to do a song about Earth Day, and even though they weren't on the program they performed for the audience of students, parents, public works staff, school officials and Santa Ana Councilman David Benavides.

After the program, parents and students quickly helped Public Works staff to spread the mulch across and along the length of the parkway, and to plant new street trees. The PWA tree staff took the time to educate the how-to's of planting trees, and their needs, especially during the key first 3 years, to get established.

