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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING January 11, 2008

DATE: January 10, 2008

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs status report for the week ending January 11, 2008.

**BACKGROUND:**

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

This project consists of a complete review and update of the District's Watershed Protection Plan adopted November 4, 1985. Your Board reviewed and accepted the Administrative Draft of Part 1: Existing Conditions Report, Rev. 1.3 for public and peer-review at your regularly scheduled December 6 meeting. Your board also approved the review process and the amended list of invited peer-reviewers recommended by the Environmental Committee, and directed staff to proceed with the review process. The document was posted on the District website on December 12, 2007. Review copies were placed in local libraries, and at the front desk at the District's office. All of the invited peer-reviewers were contacted by email or telephone on December 12, 2007. Staff has completed a draft outline of Part Two of the Watershed Management Plan; Policies, Practices and Recommendations.

EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff continues to monitor the status of grant completion reports. The first completion report for the 2007 Education Program Grants was submitted to staff on January 4, from the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners. The application deadline for Science Fair Grants is 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 25, 2008.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Staff has scheduled a meeting of the inter-agency climate change working group for January 16, 2008 at the Scotts Valley Water District. Agencies sending representatives include the City of Santa Cruz Water Department, Scotts Valley Water District, County of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, Lompico County Water District, and Central Water District. The agenda includes further discussion of a spring 2008 forum to address issues of climate change impacts on local water resources.

Staff continues to enter the District's 2006 data for purchased electricity and mobile fuels into the California Climate Action Registry's on-line carbon emissions inventory and tracking system.

#### WATER CONSERVATION

Staff is scheduled to attend a Water Awareness Committee meeting at the Soquel Creek Water District on January 23, 2008 to discuss inter-agency water conservation efforts. Representatives from the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners will present their proposed budget for their 2008 garden tour and contest emphasizing water-saving gardens. The group is seeking water agency sponsorships.

#### MANANA WOODS PUMP STATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Staff is scheduling a kick-off meeting to discuss the proposed Manana Woods pump station project and its potential environmental impacts.

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