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TO: District Manager

FROM: Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Operations Department Project Status Report
Week Ending February 29, 2008

DATE: February 29, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Operations Department Project Status Report for the week ending February 29, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Flushing Station

During the reporting period staff completed the installation of an automatic mainline flushing station on Hillside Drive in Boulder Creek. This area is supplied water from a long two-inch dead end water main in which the District receives water quality complaints from time to time regarding sediment in customer's water supply. The automatic station will flush bi-monthly without the need for district staff saving time and providing for a scheduled flushing

Main Replacement Alta Via Road Brookdale

During the reporting staff replaced 140 lineal feet of two-inch waterline on Alta Via Road in Brookdale. The waterline was replaced because of on-going leaks due to the age of the pipe.

Upper Zayante Watershed Trespass

The District received a report of trespass and wood theft on District watershed land in the Upper Zayante Watershed. Investigation found that a four-wheel drive vehicle enter the District's watershed from East Zayante Road between Kingham Ranch Road and Middle Road. Several medium Madrone Trees (*Arbutus menziesii*) were found to be cut down and removed. Staff installed temporary fencing to block vehicle access and posted "no trespassing" signs at the location. Permanent concrete barriers will be placed to block the access next week as fencing does not provide for a permanent blocking of access. This part of the watershed is remote and identifying the trespasser will be very difficult.

Generator Maintenance

During the reporting period the District's large trailer mounted generators were maintenance for rodent control. This time of year small field mice are looking for nesting areas and the generators provide for a warm secure environment for the pesky critters. To avoid expensive damage to wiring it is imperative that the mice be kept from nesting in the generators. Mouse traps and rodent repellents that broadcast a high-frequency RF signal were installed in the generators to deter rodents.

Service Line Replacement Alto Drive

Staff replaced a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch water service line to a customer on Alto Drive in Boulder Creek. The service line was replaced due to ongoing leakage. Service lines are routinely replaced after three leak repairs.

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Director of Operations