

## M E M O

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING May30, 2008

DATE: May 29, 2008

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs status report for the week ending May 30, 2008.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff sent notification letters to the 2008 grant applicants, and is preparing award agreements for the four project proposals that the Board approved for funding. For the project proposal for which the Board requested more information, staff contacted the grant applicant with that request.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

Community TV of Santa Cruz County is editing their tape of May 14, 2008 forum organized by staff, entitled "Tools for Addressing Climate Change and Impacts on Local Water Resources." Within approximately one week's time, the edited version will be shown on Community TV and a DVD of the forum will be provided to the District for distribution to the public.

#### WATER CONSERVATION

Staff distributed hotel linen cards to the Brookdale Lodge, Econo Lodge, Jaye's Timberlane Resort, and Merrybrook Lodge. The cards remind hotel guests to conserve water. Staff is working with operations staff to install the drought tolerant demonstration garden at the side of the Administration building. Planting is completed and an irrigation system and a plant list are in the works. Staff has been directed to draft a new "Water Saving Tips" mailer emphasizing outdoor water conservation and education. The tips will be mailed to customers beginning in July.

#### CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY (CCAR)

Staff participated in a Webinar with the CCAR to receive training on the latest reporting protocols for greenhouse gas emissions. Staff is preparing the 2006 and 2007 inventory for submittal to CCAR by the June 30, 2008 deadline.

## FELTON REMEMBERS PARADE

Staff coordinated the District's participation with Felton FLOW in the annual Felton Remembers Parade on May 24, 2008 to commemorate Memorial Day. District Counsel Marc Hynes drove his red and white 1955 Chevrolet convertible. Passengers included staff and Directors Nelson and Rapoza, all of whom tossed candy to young bystanders in the crowd.

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