

## M E M O

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING June 27, 2008

DATE: June 26, 2008

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs status report for the week ending June 26, 2008.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff sent a grant award agreement to the last remaining 2008 grantee. Staff is continuing to monitor 2007 grant completion reports.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

Community TV of Santa Cruz County has completed the DVD of the May 14 forum organized by staff, entitled "Tools for Addressing Climate Change and Impacts on Local Water Resources." The DVD and the schedule for airing the 2 ½ hour program should be available in the next week.

#### WATER CONSERVATION

Staff has completed the new flyer to be mailed along with customer water bills. The flyer emphasizes efficient outdoor water use. The drought tolerant demonstration garden at the side of the Administration building has been planted and mulched. The irrigation system has been installed.

#### CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY (CCAR)

Staff requested and received an extension until July 31, 2008 to submit the District's 2006 and 2007 inventory of greenhouse gases to CCAR.

#### FELTON WATER SYSTEM

Staff is contributing names to a VIP invitation list for Felton FLOW's Water Independence Day Community Celebration on Saturday, July 26 at the Felton fire house on Gushee St. The event is open to the public and celebrates the public acquisition of the Felton water system.

## WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is accumulating information pertaining to the Felton watershed property for inclusion in the District's Existing Conditions Report. Staff met with John Ferreira, Chief of CalFire's San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties units to discuss current information about the Summit and Martin Rd. fires, which might be useful for updating the District's fire management policies. Staff attended the Santa Cruz County Weed Management Area meeting on June 24, 2008. The meeting was hosted by the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District and brought together representatives from government agencies, invasive exotic plant control experts, and non-profits. The group discussed a plan to apply for available funding from the California Department of Food and Agriculture to coordinate county-wide efforts and expertise against common invasive weed species.

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