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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING July 31, 2008

DATE: July 30, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs status report for the week ending July 31, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff is continuing to monitor 2007 grant completion reports.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Staff distributed copies of the DVD of the May 14 forum entitled "Tools for Addressing Climate Change and Impacts on Local Water Resources" to the more than 30 people who requested it.

Staff has prepared a draft resolution pertaining to climate change for review by the Environmental Committee. The draft is based on a resolution adopted earlier this year by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

WATER CONSERVATION

Staff attended a Water Awareness Committee meeting on July 23. Posters for the upcoming Water-Smart Garden Tour on August 9 -10, 2008 were distributed. The District was a sponsor.

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY (CCAR)

Staff submitted the District's 2006 and 2007 inventory of greenhouse gases to CCAR. Staff will now locate a verifier by the December 15, 2008 deadline.

FELTON WATER SYSTEM

Staff attended the Water Independence Day Community Celebration on Saturday, July 26 at the Felton fire house, addressed the gathering, and introduced the District Board and the District Legal Counsel, Jeffrey Oderman.

WATERSHED

Staff worked with the operations department to remove a small patch of yellow star thistle on the Olympia watershed property. Staff received funding through the Santa Cruz County Weed Management Area group for \$300 to follow up with this eradication project in 2009. Funding is provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to coordinate county-wide efforts and expertise against common invasive weed species.

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is preparing for an initial discussion of the District's watershed policies by the Environmental Committee scheduled for August 13, 2008.

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