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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING August 15, 2008

DATE: August 15, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs status report for the week ending August 15, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff is continuing to monitor 2007 grant completion reports.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Staff is preparing invoices for other participating water agencies for expenses incurred by the May 14 forum entitled "Tools for Addressing Climate Change and Impacts on Local Water Resources." Staff has prepared a draft resolution pertaining to climate change for review by the Environmental Committee at its meeting scheduled on August 20, 2008. The draft is based on a resolution adopted earlier this year by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

WATER CONSERVATION

Staff has been directed to prepare a new water conservation flyer to be mailed starting with the September 8, 2008 billing cycle.

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY (CCAR)

Staff is in the process of locating an approved certifier to verify the District's 2006 and 2007 carbon emissions inventory reports submitted at the end of July to CCAR. Staff has scheduled a meeting with the District Manager and the Director of Operations for review and possible revision of the reports prior to beginning the certification process.

FELTON WATER SYSTEM

Staff attended the steering committee meeting of Felton FLOW on August 13, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to decide the future focus of FLOW activities following the District's successful acquisition of the Felton water system. FLOW members decided to move towards taking an active role in the District's watershed education, restoration and protection efforts.

WATERSHED

Staff is scheduled to attend a Santa Cruz County Weed Management Area group meeting next week to report on the District's ongoing and planned projects for control and eradication of invasive plant species.

Staff approved a request by NOAA to conduct the third and final year survey of salmonid populations within the Zayante Creek on the District's property.

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is preparing for an initial discussion of the District's watershed policies by the Environmental Committee scheduled for August 20, 2008.

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