

MEMO

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING November 14, 2008

DATE: November 13, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending November 14, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS

At the November 13, 2008 Environmental Committee meeting, staff recommended that the District take a more pro-active role in defining projects for the 2009 Education Program Grant funding cycle. The Environmental Committee directed staff to identify suitable projects that address known research needs relating to the District's watershed property, as identified in the District's Watershed Management Plan, Existing Conditions Report. Potential projects are scheduled for review at the next meeting of the Environmental Committee on December 11, 2008.

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY (CCAR)

Staff and the Operations Manager conducted a site visit with an E.H. Pechan representative on November 12, 2008 as part of the verification process of District's greenhouse gas emissions reporting for 2006 and 2007. Verification is scheduled for completion by December 15, 2008.

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff prepared and presented a draft update of District's goals, objectives and policies for Part II of the Watershed Management Plan to the Environmental Committee at its November 13, 2008 meeting. Staff has been directed to incorporate the committee's recommendations into a second draft to be distributed to the Environmental Committee by December 4, 2008, and reviewed at the next committee meeting, scheduled for December 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Staff will present a final draft of the District's Existing Conditions Report to the Environmental Committee at its December 11, 2008, with known data gaps identified. A

future revision to the final draft is planned to address the recently acquired Felton water system and its additional 252 acres of watershed land in Fall Creek.

OLYMPIA WATERSHED

Staff organized a volunteer acacia eradication workday on Sunday, November 9, 2008 on the District's Olympia watershed property. The project was overseen by invasive species expert Ken Moore. Staff is working on a grant proposal to the region's Weed Management Area to further fund this project.

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