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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Environmental Analyst

**SUBJECT:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING August 14, 2009

**DATE:** August 13, 2009

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending August 14, 2009.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **WATERSHED PLAN**

Staff drafted objectives and policies for Chapter 5, "Fire Management," Part II of the District's watershed plan, to be discussed at the August 19, 2009 meeting of the Environmental Committee.

#### **DISTRICT'S 2008 GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY**

Staff is finalizing the inventory of the District's 2008 greenhouse gas emissions in preparation for the August 30, 2009 reporting deadline to the California Climate Action Registry.

#### **OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT**

Staff is analyzing the District's expired agreement with the Santa Cruz County Horseman's Association. The agreement permits equestrian use of some parts of the District's Olympia Wellfield property. At its August 19, 2009 meeting the Environmental Committee will discuss the potential interim extension of the agreement for one year.

#### **WATER CONSERVATION CREDIT PROGRAM**

Staff worked with the District Manager and the Director of Operations to draft a memo and resolution for approval by the Board at its August 20, 2009 meeting summarizing the Environmental Committee's recommended changes to the District's water conservation credit and rebate program.


#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Staff attended the August 5, 2009 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission to begin planning for a joint meeting and forum with the Santa Cruz County

Commission on the Environment, sometime in fall 2009. The speakers' forum would address water supply issues relative to climate change mitigation and adaptation, including an overview of county-wide integrated water resource management, local water conservation efforts, and the City of Santa Cruz desalination project.

#### RESEARCH PUBLICATION

Staff received notification this week from the American Water Works Association (AWWA) that an article, "Forest Management by West Coast Public Water Utilities: Protecting the Source?," authored by staff and published in the Journal of the AWWA in 2007, has been selected for inclusion in an AWWA book. The book will address sustainability issues associated with water supplies and resources, and is scheduled for release at the 2010 international AWWA conference: "Sustainable Water Sources: Conservation & Resource Planning Conference & Exposition," April 11 – 14, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

  
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