

MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 2009

DATE: November 24, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending November 27, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is refining the draft recreation policies in the District's Watershed Plan, Part II: Goals, Objectives and Policies, for consideration and discussion at the December 17, 2009 meeting of the Environmental Committee.

DISTRICT'S 2008 GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

E.H. Pechan is in the process of verifying the District's 2008 greenhouse gas emissions report, which staff submitted to the California Climate Action Registry last month. The verification deadline is December 15, 2009.

OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT

Staff is waiting for the availability of a crew to begin burning invasive acacia that was cut last season at the Olympia wellfield property. Staff has started work on the new project funded by the USFWS Partners Grant, which involves supervised cutting and treating of standing acacia on additional areas of the Olympia wellfield property.

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Staff is continuing to work with the Santa Cruz County Water Conservation Coalition on customizing GardenSoft software to Santa Cruz County.

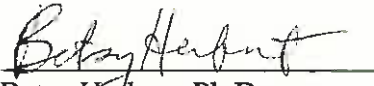
Staff attended a meeting of local water agencies on November 11, 2009 at the City of Santa Cruz Water Department to discuss a regional approach to crafting a Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance that meets or exceeds the requirements of a new state directive aimed at saving water through more efficient landscaping.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CONSERVATION BLUE PRINT

Staff is scheduled to attend the final technical advisory workshop of the Conservation Blue Print effort led by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County. The workshop will address agricultural and commercial forest lands, and will take place on December 11, 2009.

EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff reviewed two 2009 Education Program Grant final project reports and prepared a staff memo for consideration at the December 3, 2009 Board Meeting.


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