

MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 15, 2010

DATE: January 14, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending January 15, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is refining draft watershed administration and climate change policies in the District's Watershed Plan, Part II: Goals, Objectives and Policies. Revised policies will be reviewed at the staff level in the next week, for consideration and discussion at the January 21, 2010 meeting of the Environmental Committee.

DISTRICT'S 2008 GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) INVENTORY

Staff submitted the revised GHG inventory report for verification to the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) on January 13, 2010. As required by the CCAR, staff adjusted the 2008 GHG inventory to include estimates for the entire year's emissions from the Felton water system. Estimates were based on actual emissions data collected by staff for the months of September through December 2009.

OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT

Work on acacia eradication at Olympia wellfield was re-initiated by Ken Moore on January 13, 2010 after taking time out to complete acacia eradication at the Geyer property owned by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County. The District and the land trust are working cooperatively on this project funded by a USFWS Partners Grant.

WATER CONSERVATION

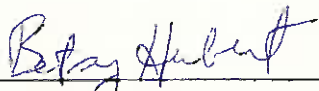
Staff is revising garden resources information for the GardenSoft project, a cooperative effort of the interagency Water Conservation Coalition.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

Staff was invited to, and will attend, an informational meeting in Bonny Doon on January 20, 2010 about the formation of a Bonny Doon FireSafe Council. The District's attendance was sought because of the proximity of the District's watershed land on Ben Lomond Mountain to the planning area of Bonny Doon. In preparation for the meeting, staff provided interested parties with the web link to the District's Watershed Management Plan, especially the chapter that addresses fire management.

POTENTIAL PROJECT TO MEASURE CARBON STORED ON DISTRICT FOREST LAND

As directed by the Environmental Committee, staff is coordinating with a consulting group that is working up a cost estimate for a project that would measure and certify the amount of carbon stored on District forest land. The purpose of such a project would be to qualify the District for carbon credits.



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