

## MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 2010

DATE: January 27, 2010

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending January 29, 2010.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is scheduling a meeting with the District Manager and the Operations Manager to review draft watershed administration policies in the District's Watershed Plan, Part II: Goals, Objectives and Policies. Revised policies will be considered at the next Environmental Committee meeting February 18, 2010.

#### 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. Verification is currently underway.

#### OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT

Work on acacia eradication at Olympia wellfield is underway on the old Ferrari property. The District and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County are working cooperatively on this project funded by a USFWS Partners Grant. The District operations staff has completed some burning of acacia cut early in the fall. Staff is scheduling a field review meeting to assess the project status in the next week.

#### CONSERVATION BLUE PRINT

Staff attended a technical GIS review session of the Conservation Blue Print project at the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County on January 27, 2010, and will be meeting with the project leaders to discuss issues regarding redwood forest mapping on February 3, 2010.

## WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Staff attended a local Weed Management Area meeting on January 21, 2010 in Capitola. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential 2010 grant funding for invasive species eradication.

## WATER CONSERVATION

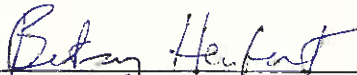
Staff is revising garden resources information for the GardenSoft project, a cooperative effort of the interagency Water Conservation Coalition. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2010.

## FIRE MANAGEMENT

Staff was invited to attend the initial Bonny Doon FireSafe Council meeting on January 20, 2010, but the meeting was cancelled due to power outages and poor weather. Staff plans to attend the meeting whenever it is rescheduled.

## POTENTIAL PROJECT TO MEASURE CARBON STORED ON DISTRICT FOREST LAND

Staff continues to coordinate with the 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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