

## MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 2010

DATE: February 11, 2010

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending February 12, 2010.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS

Staff distributed the notice of availability for the 2010 funding cycle of the District Education Program Grants. Staff also distributed a press release and posted the notice on the District website. The deadline for applications is March 10, 2010. An Education Advisory Commission meeting to review applications is scheduled for March 30, 2010.

#### WATERSHED PLAN

Staff met 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

The California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) certified the District's 2008 GHG Inventory on February 11, 2010. This is the third year in a row that the District has been certified, and designated as a "Climate Action Leader." Staff will report on the latest certification at the Environmental Committee meeting on February 18, 2010.

#### WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

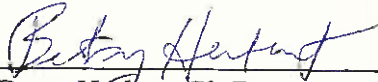
Staff has one small Weed Management Area grant pending for 2010 and is working on another larger grant for invasive species eradication.

## 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 22, 2010.

## OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT

Work on acacia eradication and broom control continues on schedule at Olympia wellfield 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. Staff scheduled a field review meeting with the District Manager, Operations Manager, and contract consultants to assess the project status on February 1, 2010. The large majority of the acacia scheduled for cutting is down, and field site visits with various contractors are underway for piling and burning the debris. Work funded by the grant involving broom pulling will ensue shortly.

  
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