

MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

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

DATE: March 11, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

EDUCATION PROGRAM

The deadline for the District's 2010 education program grant applications was March 10, 2010. Staff received 13 applications this year. After reviewing applications for completeness and eligibility requirements, staff will distribute copies of the applications, along with evaluation materials to the Education Advisory Commission. A meeting of the Board's Education Advisory Commission to review applications is scheduled for March 30, 2010.

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff is distributing a completed draft of the District's Watershed Plan, Part II: Goals, Objectives and Policies to the Environmental Committee on March 12, 2010, along with the agenda for the next committee meeting scheduled for March 18, 2010.

WATER CONSERVATION

Staff working on the Beta Version the GardenSoft project, a cooperative effort of the interagency Water Conservation Coalition. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT


Burning of acacia felled this past year at Olympia wellfield is still underway. Broom pulling, funded under the USFWS Partners Grant, will begin after the burning is completed.

BYRNE FOREST TOUR

On March 10, 2010, staff attended a tour of the 322 acre Byrne Forest in Corralitos. The land is owned and managed by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County.

LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH

Staff is researching the current status of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's plan to eradicate the light brown apple moth from areas of the state, including Santa Cruz County.


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