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TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 2010

DATE: March 24, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending March 26, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Staff distributed copies of the 13 Education Program Grant applications received this year, along with evaluation materials to the Education Advisory Commission. Staff is rescheduling a meeting of the Board's Education Advisory Commission to review applications. The meeting will likely occur in the third week in April.

WATERSHED PLAN

Staff prepared a memo for the Board recommending the Board's consideration and approval of the Administrative Draft of the District's Watershed Plan, Part II: Goals, Objectives and Policies, as recommended by the Environmental Committee at its March 18, 2010 meeting.

WATER CONSERVATION

Staff is working on the Beta version the GardenSoft project, a cooperative effort of the interagency Water Conservation Coalition. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2010.

OLYMPIA WELLFIELD MANAGEMENT

Cutting and burning of acacia at Olympia wellfield is still underway, and is targeted for completion by the end of the burn season.

LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH

Staff prepared a memo for the Board regarding the status of the light brown apple moth eradication program proposed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

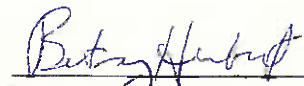
Staff is drafting a customer survey for review and discussion at the next Public Relations Committee meeting, scheduled for April 15, 2010.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Staff participated in a webinar on March 22, 2010 to review the incipient Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange (CAKE) website, which is operated by the non-profit EcoAdapt, and funded by the Moore Foundation. The website will feature emerging ideas from around the country about how institutions are preparing for adaptation to the impacts of climate change. The website will showcase the District's leadership efforts on climate change, as documented in a case study, which staff submitted to EcoAdapt last fall.

AWWA SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Staff's article, "Forest Management by Western Utilities – Protecting the Source" first published in 2007 in the Journal of the AWWA, has been selected to be included in a compendium on water resource sustainability. The document will be published by the AWWA and distributed at the conference, which is being held in Albuquerque, April 11-13, 2010.



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