

MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2010

DATE: April 29, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending April 30, 2010.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Education Advisory Commission met on April 19, 2010, reviewed the 2010 Education Program Grant applications, and made its funding recommendations to your Board. Staff prepared a memo summarizing these recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval as part of the May 6, 2010 Board meeting agenda packet.

WATERSHED PLAN

The public review period is underway for the Administrative Draft of the District's Watershed Plan, Part II: Goals, Objectives and Policies. The review period ends on June 6, 2010.

Staff is now working on Part III: Implementation--Management Alternatives and Prescriptions. The Environmental Committee will review and discuss the first section of the document at its next meeting on May 20, 2010.

2010 DRAFT RECOVERY PLAN FOR CENTRAL COAST COHO SALMON

Staff attended a public workshop conducted by National Marine Fisheries Service on April 10, 2010. The subject of the workshop was the 2010 Draft Recovery Plan for the Central Coast Coho Salmon. The agency is actively seeking public comments on the draft plan. Staff is working with fisheries biologist Don Alley to draft comments on behalf of the District. Staff prepared a memo and resolution relative to the draft plan for the May 6, 2010 District Board meeting agenda packet.

WATER CONSERVATION

The GardenSoft software specific to Santa Cruz County and designed by the Water Conservation Coalition, will be released in June 2010.

Staff prepared a memo for a sponsorship request to the Board for the 2010 Garden Faire, to be held on June 27, 2010 at Sky Park in Scotts Valley.

JASPER RIDGE BIOLOGICAL PRESERVE

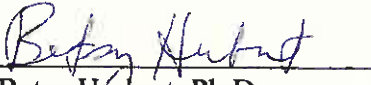
Staff toured the 1,200+ acre Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve on April 26, 2010 with the administrative director of the preserve. The purpose of the tour was to ask questions about managing the preserve, especially in regards to trespass issues.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Staff revised a customer survey for review and discussion by the Public Relations Committee at its meeting on May 6, 2010. The questionnaire is designed to identify the types of information that customers would like to receive from the District, and the ways in which they would like to receive it. At its next meeting, the Public Relations Committee will also review and discuss a social networking proposal, referred by the Education Advisory Commission.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff attended the annual Blue Circle watershed networking event on April 22, 2010, sponsored by the SCC Resource Conservation District. For the Conservation Blueprint Community project, staff is presenting information on water resources at two upcoming community forums. The first is at Seymour Center in Santa Cruz on April 29, 2010. The second is at Highlands Park Senior Center in Ben Lomond on May 4, 2010.


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