

MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2010

DATE: May 13, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending May 14, 2010.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Staff has completed all of the contract award agreements for the 2010 Education Program Grants, reviewed them with the grantees, and mailed them for signatures.

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 working on Part III: Implementation, and is scoping out a project to include stakeholder involvement in drafting the Olympia Watershed Implementation Plan. The Environmental Committee will review and discuss the status of this project at its May 20, 2010 meeting.

2010 DRAFT RECOVERY PLAN FOR CENTRAL COAST COHO SALMON

Draft comments prepared by staff will be discussed by the Environmental Committee at the May 20, 2010 meeting. As expected, the deadline for public comment was extended by NOAA until July 6, 2010. Staff is scheduling a meeting with other local water agencies to review draft comments prior to finalizing the District's comments.

WATER CONSERVATION

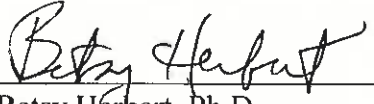
The GardenSoft software specific to Santa Cruz County, and designed by the Water Conservation Coalition, will be released in June 2010.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Staff is compiling a list of questions most frequently asked by customers of District office and field personnel. Staff will rewrite the draft customer survey questions to reflect this new information, for review and discussion at the next Public Relations Committee scheduled for June 3, 2010.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff is scheduled to attend the annual Watershed Symposium at the San Lorenzo Valley High School Performing Arts Center on May 25, 2010.


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