

## MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT  
WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2010

DATE: May 27, 2010

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending May 28, 2010.

### BUDGET

Staff is working on a proposed budget for the Watershed Department for FY 2010/2011.

### WATER CONSERVATION

The Water-Smart Gardening website is ready to go live. This on-line gardening tool is the result of a year's work by the Water Conservation Coalition, including staff, and is customized especially for Santa Cruz County. It will be accessible from the District website, enabling users to view beautiful local gardens for design ideas, use interactive tools to design gardens, evaluate hundreds of plant species, learn how to reduce landscape water use, and prevent and solve pest problems with less-toxic methods.

### WATERSHED PLAN

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

Staff is working on Part III: Implementation, has scoped 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 June 17, 2010 meeting.

### 2010 DRAFT RECOVERY PLAN FOR CENTRAL COAST COHO SALMON

Staff has scheduled a meeting with other local water agencies to review draft comments for the recovery plan. The District's revised comments will be discussed at the next Environmental Committee Meeting on June 17, 2010. The deadline for submitting comments is July 6, 2010.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

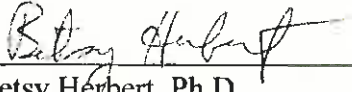
Staff has compiled a list of most frequently asked by customers of District office staff, field personnel and Board members. Staff is revising the draft customer survey questions to reflect this new information, for review and discussion at the next Public Relations Committee scheduled for June 3, 2010.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff attended the annual Watershed Symposium at the San Lorenzo Valley High School Performing Arts Center on May 25, 2010, the monthly Santa Cruz County Commission on the Environment meeting on May 26, 2010 and the Santa Margarita Groundwater Advisory Committee meeting on May 27, 2010.

## GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Staff is assembling information needed to inventory the District's 2009 greenhouse gas emissions to be submitted to the California Climate Action Registry by June 30, 2010.

  
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