

MEMO

TO: District Manager

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2010

DATE: June 10, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the District Manager review and file the Environmental Programs Status Report for the week ending June 11, 2010.

WATER CONSERVATION

Staff attended a Water Conservation Coalition meeting on June 7, 2010 to discuss the upcoming booth at the Garden Faire and the coalition's new <http://www.santacruzwatersavingplants.com> website. The website is now live and linked to the District website. This on-line gardening tool is the result of a year's work by the Water Conservation Coalition. The website enables 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 ended on June 6, 2010. Staff has received comments from four invited peer-reviewers, and is expecting comments from two more in the next week.

Staff is working on the process of stakeholder involvement to be used in drafting the Olympia Watershed Implementation Plan, the first section of Part III. The Environmental Committee will review and discuss the status of this project at its June 17, 2010 meeting.

USFWS PARTNERS GRANT REPORTING

Staff is working on an accounting and progress report for the first year's work funded by the USFWS grant.

2010 DRAFT RECOVERY PLAN FOR CENTRAL COAST COHO SALMON

Staff attended a meeting on June 10, 2010 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 is revised the draft customer survey questions and is drafting a flyer for review and discussion at the next Public Relations Committee scheduled for June 17, 2010.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff attended the Santa Cruz County Commission on the Environment meeting on June 9, 2010.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Staff requested and was granted a reporting extension by the California Climate Action Registry. The deadline for submitting the District's 2009 greenhouse gas emissions inventory is now September 1, 2010.



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