

MEMO

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Betsy Herbert, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT
WEEK ENDING November 30, 2007

DATE: November 30, 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Programs status report for the week ending November 30, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

This project consists of a complete review and update of the District's Watershed Protection Plan adopted November 4, 1985. Staff has completed the Administrative Draft of Part One of the Watershed Management Plan; Existing Conditions Report. Your Board will review and consider acceptance of this document at your regularly scheduled December 6 meeting. Staff continues work on activities associated with Part Two of the Watershed Management Plan; Policies, Practices and Recommendations.

EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Staff continues to monitor the status of grant completion reports. The application deadline for Science Fair Grants is 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 25, 2008.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Staff coordinated an initial planning meeting of local water agency managers on November 14, 2007 at the Scotts Valley Water District, to begin planning for a local climate change/water resources forum and to discuss a pending research proposal. Attending agencies included the City of Santa Cruz Water Department, Scotts Valley Water District, County of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, and Lompico County Water District. Following the meeting, staff distributed to all of the attendees a draft list of forum topics and potential speakers. Staff has scheduled a follow-up meeting on December 19, 2007 at the Scotts Valley Water District.

Staff attended a District staff meeting on November 29, 2007 to discuss the design of a preliminary facilities database for the District, for use with the California Climate Action Registry's on-line inventory and tracking system for carbon emissions.

Staff has registered for an on-line training for December 4, to learn how to use this tracking system.

WATER CONSERVATION

Staff is scheduled to attend a Water Awareness Committee meeting at the Soquel Creek Water District on December 7, 2007 to discuss inter-agency water conservation efforts.

PROPOSED COUNTY REGULATORY CHANGES RE: SMALL STRUCTURES

Staff attended a meeting at the County Planning Department on November 15, 2007 to discuss the District's concerns about the proposed regulatory changes for permitting small residential structures. Staff also attended a meeting on November 27, 2007 with Supervisor Mark Stone to discuss these concerns.

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