Agenda: 09.06.07 Item: 8c

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WITH THE

EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: August 30, 2007

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and approve the date of Thursday, November 8, 2007 for a Special Joint Board of Directors meeting with the Education Program Advisory Commission.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Staff met with the Board's Education Program Advisory Commission on April 26, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the Commission in their evaluation of the District's 2007 Education Grant Proposal applications, and to receive the Commission's recommendations for the 2008 funding cycle. The Commission requested that staff schedule a Special Joint meeting with the Board of Directors to review, discuss and evaluate the Education Grant Program.

The District's Education Grant Program provides funding for educational and other projects that enhance the understanding of the San Lorenzo River Watershed environment or improve the watershed's environmental health.

On June 5, 2003 the Board adopted Ordinance No. 100 establishing an Education Program Advisory Commission, whose duties include advising the Board regarding the selection and allocation of education program grants.

The District will begin its 2008 Education Grant Program funding cycle with the noticing of the availability of 2008 Science Fair Project Grants in September 2007. Noticing of the availability of Education Program Grants will begin sometime in January 2008.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and approve the date of Thursday, November 8, 2007 for a Special Joint Board of Directors meeting with the Education Program Advisory Commission.

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