

TO: WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WSAC)
FROM: HEIDI LUCKENBACH
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT ACTIVITIES
DATE: AUGUST 20, 2014

Similar to last month's meeting of the Water Supply Advisory Committee, the attached is provided as information about completed, new and ongoing activities of the Soquel Creek Water District. The attached is excerpted from their August 12, 2014 meeting packet and includes the Table of Contents as well as pages 143 – 154 of that packet.

Particular areas of interest to the WSAC may include topics covered on page 143 on Demand Management and pages 143-146 on Groundwater Management.



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014
LOCATION: New Brighton Middle School
Performing Arts Center
250 Washburn Avenue, Capitola, California**

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 2.1 Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the Proposed CONSERVATIONplus Program Ordinance No. 14-02: First Reading
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 3.1 Approve Previous Minutes
 - 3.1.1 July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting
 - 3.2 Conditional Will Serve Letters
 - 3.2.1 Bob & Jean McElroy, 12 Colina Drive, La Selva Beach, APN 045-193-10
 - 3.3 Report of Expenditures over \$25,000
 - 3.4 July Warrants
 - 3.5 Income & Investment Report for June
 - 3.6 McGregor Pump Station CWO 08-004, Adopt Plans & Specifications and Call for Bids
 - 3.7 Approve Revision to District's Records Retention Schedule and Blanket Resolution Authorizing Destruction of Records Under the Provisions of the Records Retention Schedule
 - 3.8 Main Street Well Rehabilitation Project, CWO 14-014: Ratify Zim Industries Change Orders 1 and 2; Accept Project as Complete, and File the Notice of Completion; Authorize Additional Fees for HydroMetrics WRI; and Approve Transfer of Funds from Operating Contingency Reserve
 - 3.9 Headquarters Parking Lot Expansion and Interior Office Remodels, Approve Preliminary Environmental Assessment & Categorical Exemption
 - 3.10 Production Graphs
 - 3.11 Accept Final Report for Monitoring Well Replacements & Installations, CWO 12-024
- 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (*items not on the Agenda*)**
- 5. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 5.1 Work Plan Status Report

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Unconditional Will Serve Letter for Ashvin Desai, 420 Sand Dollar Dr., La Selva Beach, APN 046-061-77
- 6.2 Review and Provide Direction on Hexavalent Chromium Treatment Implementation Study
- 6.3 Item pulled
- 6.4 Direction to Staff Regarding 2014 Grand Jury report, *Desalination and Alternatives – Water for a Thirsty County*
- 6.5 Renewal of Emergency Service Agreement for Trout Gulch Mutual Water Company
- 6.6 Renewal of Emergency Service Agreement for PureSource Water, Inc.
- 6.7 Approval of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update 2014 for Northern Santa Cruz County

7. **STATUS REPORTS**

- 7.1 Conservation Customer Service Field - Oral
- 7.2 Engineering - Oral
- 7.3 Operations & Maintenance
- 7.4 Finance – Oral
- 7.5 Human Resources
- 7.6 District Counsel - Oral
- 7.7 General Manager - Oral

8. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Letter from Heidi Morgan regarding rates
- 8.2 Email from Stephen Wyckoff regarding moratorium

9. **CLOSED SESSION** - None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Work Plan and Special Assignments Status Report
Updated as of August 12, 2014**

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WORK PLAN ITEMS

Key –

Regular Font = No Change

***Red Italic or underlined* = New Assignment or Activity**

~~Blue Strikethrough~~ = Completion; Completed items are deleted the following month

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM (IRP)

The District's adopted multi-faceted program includes demand management, groundwater management, and supplemental supply (conjunctive use or local). Below includes a status or current activities of these components (*This section has been re-arranged (from how it organized in previous work plan updates to mirror the order as outlined in the IRP):*

1. Demand Management :

a. Conservation~~ONSERVATION~~–Plus Program. ~~Using focus group results, the board made changes to the details of the Conservation Plus program on June 17, 2014. and Board adoption by resolution at a public hearing is anticipated for August 12, 2014~~ **The first reading of Ordinance 14-02 and the public hearing will be on August 12; with the second reading and consideration of adoption on September 2. Water Budget Allocation Forms and Commercial Enrollment forms are tentatively scheduled to be sent out on in mid-September. The Prop 218 letters for penalties related to excess use and non-compliance with BMPs are scheduled for mid August with a public hearing at the October 7 meeting.** ~~Staff is now focusing on preparing the District to successfully implement the program including hiring additional staff and preparing billing software, forms and materials. Staff and consultants have named, branded, created key messages and drafted an outreach plan for the program which is being finalized and initial communications have begun.~~

Water Waste Ordinance. ~~Staff has made modifications to the water waste ordinance as adopted by the board on June 17 and are working to update internal materials to reflect the changes. The interview process for a~~ **Tera Curren has been hired as our full-time, temporary Conservation Compliance Assistant to educate our community/customers on our water waste policy. has been completed and this person will come on board and begin patrolling for water waste shortly. Tera was recently featured in KSBW's coverage on the City of SC and SqCWD related to drought and water waste.**

2. Groundwater Management

**a. Cooperative Agreement with City of Santa Cruz (City) (Admin)
– Status: Negotiations have resumed and agreement now includes City**

participating in cutting back groundwater pumping if District enforces Mandatory Rationing. The City provided a revised agreement for Staff to consider on April. City Staff was provided pumping distribution plans for total pumping and demand outlined in 2012 Integrated Resources Plan from HydroMetrics, WRI. The technical memorandum was presented to the Board on 4/16 and accepted. The draft agreement was presented by Cameron Tana of HydroMetrics to the Board on July 9, 2013. The Board suggested modifications that were presented to the city. A revised version containing most of the requested changes is being presented for the Boards consideration on September 3, 2013. Currently the agreement is on hold pending findings on protective elevations to come from our pending Peer Review. The Peer Review Report is complete ~~is scheduled to be~~ was brought to the Board at the July 15th for acceptance. The Board requested that Hydrometrics and Todd Engineering put together a document listing the differences and issues of disagreement and which assumptions led to those disagreements. It should identify which items would be resolved by a groundwater model and which would require separate studies. The Board will consider the report recommendations and formation of a TAC after they receive this information. We plan to bring this information back for the September 16, 2014 meeting.

- b. **Groundwater Emergency Declaration (Admin.)** On June 3, 2014 after conducting a public hearing and being presented with the peer review's concurrence that the groundwater basin is in a state of overdraft, the District directed staff to prepare a resolution declaring a groundwater emergency. The Board adopted Resolution 14-22 declaring a groundwater emergency. A letter to neighboring water agencies seeking aid and assistance in response to this declaration ~~will be brought to the Board on 7/15~~ was approved by the Board and sent to neighboring agencies in July. Currently only the County has responded and a meeting has been scheduled with Supervisors Friend and Leopold on August 26th.
- c. **Groundwater Replenishment Powers and Zone of Benefit** – Status: The Basin Implementation Group discussed this item on May 24, 2011. As the next step in the evaluation, Staff will update information on non-District well locations and pumping within the SqCWD service area using metering information and water use factors and consider various zone of benefit scenarios based on pumping impacts. At the Strategic Planning Workshop on July 30, 2013, the Board decided to look further at this option and we discussed replenishment powers under AB3030 at the March 4, 2014. The zone of benefit can be determined through a groundwater model determination of which wells influence seawater intrusion. This is not

legally required, but is important if we hope to have cooperation on this issue. The Board ~~will consider moving forward with a groundwater model at the July 15, 2014 meeting.~~ recommended that the proposal for the groundwater model be recommended to the Basin Implementation Group (BIG). The BIG will consider the proposal at their August 14, 2014 meeting.

- d. **Basin Implementation and Advisory Groups** - most recent BIG meeting was held on June 24, 2014 with the BAG meeting preceding it on June 4, 2014. Letters of invitation have been sent to both the City and the County. They will be considered by their Council and Board in September and August respectively. Per the June 24th BIG meeting, PVWMA was also considered to be invited to the BIG and this will be brought to both boards of Central Water District and SqCWD to approve. The SqCWD board ~~will consider~~ approved this on 7/15 and, if upon CWD approved approval, a letter of invitation will be sent out to PVWMA. If any of the entities governing bodies accept the invitation, the next step is to write an amendment to the existing partnership agreement. The BIG also discussed the notion of changing its name and this will be further considered. We are currently working on scheduling a staff level meeting to discuss organizational models to bring to the Board of the BIG.
- e. **Groundwater Stakeholder Committee:** The District is working with Central Water District and the County of Santa Cruz to form a stakeholder advisory committee to broaden the engagement with all groundwater basin users (including private pumpers) to promote open and effective communication and explore issues related to groundwater rights, seawater intrusion, etc. The Board approved a budget for the facilitation of the group at the March 4, 2014 meeting. The first meeting was on May 13, 2014 at Seacliff Inn. The next meeting was held on July 8 at Soquel Congregational Church from 7-9 PM and included a presentation by Cameron Tana, hydrologist for Soquel Creek Water District and Central Water District as well as a pilot groundwater monitoring and conservation project being conducted by Resource Conservation District. The next meeting will be on August 27, 2014 where we will focus on taking questions and fact checking the multiple historic reports related to private well pumping. This will be followed by a meeting on September 9, 2014 and which will focus on CA groundwater law –past, present, and future featuring Russ McGlothlin as the speaker.
- f. **CA State Legislation on Groundwater** – While surface water rights have been regulated since 1913, CA does not apply statewide

regulations. This may soon change. District staff is the two bills AB 1739 (Dickenson) and SB1168 (Pavley) that have been written and focus on better groundwater management in the State. Currently the authors of the bills are co-authors on one another's bill and it's anticipated the two bills will be further reconciled. ACWA and the California Water Foundation have both been actively working with the bill authors. Both bills authorize a groundwater management agency to require registration of wells and reporting of pumping, impose regulatory fees to fund management and replenishment, and where necessary – establish quantified pumping allocations that could be transferred among groundwater users. The proposals also establish a 'backstop' of state intervention if local management fails to enact sustainable groundwater plans. ~~Staff will continue to track these and provide the Board with updates.~~ Revised copies of the bills are expected to be in print shortly and additional amendments are coming out shortly. One major change is the addition of a definition for de minimus pumpers, identified as residential pumpers who pump less than two acre feet per year. De minimus pumpers are excluded from metering and use reporting activities identified in the proposed legislation. Fees can still be imposed on de minimus pumpers.

3. Supplemental Supply: District's Exploratory Discussions and Evaluation of Back-Up Options

- a. Meetings: Since fall 2013, the District has been holding topical meeting discussion on back-up options for a supplemental water supply. Staff plans on ~~returning to the Board on July 15~~ staff presented with a status update and selection grid for the Board to use. The Board was asked to return their completed scoring by August 20, 2014 so staff can compile the info for the ~~and August 26 to begin conducting an~~ alternatives analysis workshop.
- b. Follow up and Evaluation: Projects, thus far, to include in a qualitative summary for the Board to consider at a future meeting include: District-only Desalination, Deep Water Desalination, Water Exchange, Recycled Water for seawater barrier, groundwater replenishment, and irrigation. Staff presented conceptual level information on the District-only desal project to the same level of detail as the recycled water options at the March 18 meeting.

Staff attended a meeting for potential JPA members for the Deep Water desal project on February 20, 2014. It was focused most on the formation of a JPA and the legalities involved. Some concerns raised specific to the project were the ownership of the intake/outflow, the bond rating if there are public private partners and concern over

public agencies contracting with Deep Water desal for the management-construction of the plant rather than going through a design-bid-build or design build selection process.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District would like to cost share with us for Kennedy/Jenks' financial review of the project. Todd Reynolds met with Deep Water Desal on April 23rd to go over their projections.

Staff also provided information on previous very preliminary ideas for pipeline routing that Deep Water Desal could roll into their Proponent's Environmental Assessment and application for the State Lands Commission.

District Board approved preparing a grant application for a study of regional recycled water projects at its May 20, 2014 meeting which will look at regional options that could possibly meet our recharge needs. The City of Santa Cruz approved to split the cost and prepare the grant application jointly at its June 17th meeting.

c. To access the dedicated webpage on these back up evaluations, visit: <http://www.soquelcreekwater.org/exploratory-discussions>. This page includes meeting materials (presentation, minutes) and Community TV video footage.

4. Supplemental Supply: Regional Desalination Project with the City of Santa Cruz (Admin)

a. CEQA Oral and written comments will be posted on the project website in September. Approximately 400 comments were submitted by roughly 300 commenters and URS has grouped comments by topics and is developing a budget and scope for a phased approach to address EIR comments. This has been put on hold.

b. Permitting/Regulatory: No new information at this time.

c. Public Outreach: With the close of the EIR comment period, scwd² outreach will primarily be supporting the District and City outreach and education efforts. No new information at this time.

d. Grants: No new information at this time.

e. Public Vote: The District has committed to a vote but details have not yet been brought back to the Board. On August 20, the City released a press release from their Mayor and City Manager that they recommend a public vote not occur in 2014.

- f. Task Force Meeting: Meetings have been suspended.
- g. Other: The Santa Cruz County Grand Jury released a report on June 17, 2014 titled "Desalination and Alternatives, Water for a Thirsty County" that examined the shortage issues facing the City of Santa Cruz and the District. The District received a commendation in the report for holding board meetings at the Capitola City hall to address supplemental water supply and mandatory rationing which allowed for greater public participation and awareness on the discussion via local access TV and the internet. Responses on the report need to be submitted by 9/15/2014

5. Supplemental Supply: Water Exchange from Santa Cruz

- a. Status: A letter stating the Board's position on this project as developed on March 20 was approved on April 3, 2012 and sent out to the Santa Cruz City Council. An oral status update by John Ricker was provided on February 19th. The technical working group met on February 11th to discuss the next steps towards applying for individual water rights. A proposal for legal services has been requested from Best, Best & Krieger LLP. Once received, the proposal will be presented to the Board for consideration. Board discussions suggested Staff also contact Peter Kiel with Ellison, Schneider & Harris. This has been put on hold due to staff workloads. At the April 16 board meeting, Director Jaffe requested a future item be agendaized to discuss timing for consulting with a water rights attorney. Staff met with City Staff and County Water Resources Division Director on Monday July 8 to discuss draft report from the County's water right's attorney related to the subject of water exchange. That draft is under review by city legal counsel. FY 13/14 Budget includes \$50,000 to investigate a water right application. Peter Kiel attended the November 5, 2013 Board meeting via teleconference. Through discussions about water rights applications it became clear that we do not have enough budgeted for a successful water rights application. We will need to discuss how to move forward if/when we identify a specific water right for which we would like to submit an application. We have received a scope and work plan from Peter Kiel for a water rights application. It contains sensitive information so Peter Kiel is revising it for presentation to the Board.

We received a letter of agreement from the city. It was sent to us, Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Water Districts. It is intended to facilitate cooperation for water transfers and basically acknowledges that the city has senior water rights and states that we will not take any adverse action towards the city if they have to use the full amount

of their water right rather than diverting some of it to partner agencies. Staff had a second phone call with legal counsel and Scott's Valley to discuss changes to the agreement. Those changes were submitted to the city on June 11. Follow up discussions between the two agencies water rights attorneys did not go well. On July 11, 2014 the SqCWD General Manager met with the City's Water Manager and worked out some compromises. The agreement will be narrowed to address only water rights related to the conjunctive use study currently under discussion. In addition an agreement for the use of the City's treatment plant will be prepared and considered simultaneously. This item is still pending.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK PLAN ITEMS

1. Energy Work Plan

Status: Staff has developed an RFQ to hire a consultant to assist in creating an RFP for a solar installation at the District facility. The concept is to use a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), which allow the District not to invest in capital costs, but still retain the offset credits power and the power at a reasonable cost. Effort on this item is on hold until after the June 5 Workshop, after which it will resume. In May 2013, staff is aiming to start this process back up again. An informational item on Community Choice Aggregation was presented at the April 2nd meeting. The CCSF department has transferred this project to the Engineering department. Assessment by ACWA's preferred provider, Solar City, is pending site information and historical power records. *Status-on hold due to higher priorities.*

2. Water Quality

- a. Hexavalent Chromium (O&M) – Status: The Water Research Foundation (WRF) Agreement for the chromium 6 pilot testing was approved by the Board on January 15th and the District has processed payment in the amount of \$150,000 to the WRF. The strong base anion exchange water treatment bench- and pilot-tests and the brine treatment studies have been completed. The draft final report has been submitted to the WRF for review.
- b. The District approved a proposal by Ionex SG to rent a containerized strong-base anion exchange chromium 6 treatment system for a period of 2 years beginning in July 2014. The system is being installed at San Andreas Well. Raw water line and on-site piping is complete and delivery of equipment was completed on 6/18. State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water will inspect the facility in late July or early August to finalize amending the District's water supply permit.

3. District Public Outreach

- a. **Website Redesign:** Status: Ryan Forest Hayes is currently working on the wireframe and web structure with staff. It is anticipated that the website re-launch will be completed in July 2014. With the amount of items to cover at our board meetings lately and with the board meeting only once a month during the summer, staff would like to see if the Board is interested in setting up a one-on-one meeting with staff to go through the beta website. Staff conducted beta testing and input from management, key staff, and several members of the Board and refined the site pre-launch in early July. A soft launch of the site was done the week of July 7. Public outreach will be done to promote the new site the week of August 18.~~when we fully launch in mid-July.~~
- b. **Social Media:** Status: The District's Facebook page was soft launched on March 5, 2014 with minimal promotion We are currently posting about 3 times a week on current activities (such as the Board Meetings, Groundwater Awareness Week, etc.) A broader outreach will be tied to the website launch ~~in July~~ and CONSERVATIONplus.
- c. **E-Blasts:** Staff launched its monthly District e-blast on March 5. Currently our subscribers total 4,651 which reflects new additions through our Springbrook customers, those who sign up at events/meetings and reductions through some email cleanup we conducted and those who've asked to unsubscribe. As we launch the Water Smart Program to all residential customers and launch our new website requesting interested individuals to sign up for e-blasts, we hope our subscriber list will grow. Our % opening is higher than the average 25% typically seen by businesses and we will be working with MIG to review these performance measurements in September. The intent of these emails are to be concise and include current information of events, news, etc.

Month	Subscribers	% Opened
March	4,218	51.8%
April	4,009	48.5%
May	3,987	48.4%
June	4,735	46.5%
July	4,657	40.0%
<u>August</u>	<u>4,651</u>	<u>36.6%</u>

- d. The August E-blast is attached.
- e. ~~**Newsletter and Bill Inserts:** The board approved at its 2/18 board meeting to revise the format and frequency of the "What's On Tap" Newsletter to be quarterly and a four-page spread. The first 4-page spread was sent to customers beginning in April. We also generated an Annual Water Quality Report that is available on-line and to customers who~~

~~requested a hard copy be mailed. A double sided bill insert was also generated that featured conservation (promoting rebates) and the release of the annual water quality report. A double sided bill insert was included with the June billing statements to alert customers that emergency rates would begin July 1. The newsletter for July September 2014 is attached. The August bill insert is attached.~~

~~f.e.~~

~~g.f. **Advertisements:** The District has been running a series of advertisements in the Sentinel, Good Times, and Capitola/Sequel Times to promote water conservation/outbacks/rebates and the Do More to Use Less message. Last ads featured a young surfer (promoting taking shorter showers) and Boots and Carm McGhee (turf replacement). Advertisements ran in the Sentinel and the Capitola/Sequel and Aptos Times to promote the Groundwater Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting on July 8. A copy of the ads attached. As part of the CONSERVATIONplus program outreach plan, staff ~~have~~ are ~~developing~~ an updated media advertising plan and ~~will be~~ are negotiating new advertising contracts with local media outlets.~~

~~h.g. **Public Notices/Press Releases:** The District issued a press release on June 17 addressing the release of the Grand Jury Report August 5 addressing the upcoming public hearing on CONSERVATIONplus and the related August 12 Public Hearing was publically noticed.~~

~~i.h. **Events and Presentations:** A current list of our events and presentations is included at the bottom of this work plan.~~

~~j. **Banner:** As part of the CONSERVATIONplus program staff are creating a new plan for b ~~Banners focusing on water conservation in order to keep the signage fresh and relevant. (Do More to Use Less) and Groundwater (Our Water is Groundwater) are currently hung in Capitola and at the Little League and Pony Fields of Capitola-Sequel, Aptos, and Polo Grounds. Our banner "Thank You for Conserving Water" is hung near our District headquarters.~~~~

~~k.i.~~

~~k.j. **"Doing Our Part to Use Less" Yard Signs** – We are working with the City of Santa Cruz, PVWMA, Scotts Valley WD, and San Lorenzo Valley WD on a regional campaign to promote using less water outside during this drought period. We are seeing great interest in these signs as a way for community members to encourage their neighbors to use less.~~

~~m.k. **Community Survey:** MIG completed a community survey of over 300 residents within our District in March 2014. A presentation and summary of the results were provided to the Board at the April 29 meeting. The survey has helped guide our 2014/15 work plan.~~

~~a.l.~~ **Key Messages:** Staff and MIG are working on developing Key Messages and FAQs for Chromium 6 and Conservation*Plus*.

~~e.~~ **Featured Column in Aptos and Capitola Soquel Times:** Kim's Column in the local weekly papers in ~~July~~ August focused ~~this month~~ on " CONSERVATION*plus* Shared Groundwater Resources". ~~Kim also contributed to the Time's 4th of July Handbook.~~

~~p.m.~~

~~q.n.~~ **Outreach Summary Report:** Staff is continuing to migrate and consolidate our outreach reporting into this work plan report from the conservation report that is related to outreach efforts.

4. Board Requests of District Staff:

~~a.~~ Recommend a common unit for water supply (e.g. gallons instead of acre-feet); develop a cost comparison of water supply from various sources.

Staff has met and discussed this item in depth. If units are changed to gallons within the billing software it will result in an increase of unaccounted for, unpaid for water in the amount of 2-4 acre feet per year. Currently we bill in rounded hundred cubic feet of use (units). We are checking with Springbrook on our ability to use decimals resulting in non-rounded units. The bills will still say "units". Since all of our water budget outreach is in gallons which are more understandable to customers, we will make sure that all bills always contain an explanation of the relationship between gallons and units.

We are also looking at our current bill layout. Our current bill is very busy and text intensive. This usually results in a lot of text we are trying to convey, which doesn't get read. We are looking at options to clean up our bill layout and make sure we include the most important information we want to convey. Since we are rolling out the Home Water Reports giving us two vehicles for communicating information, we should be able to clean up the current billing statements so they are more likely to be read.

~~a.b.~~ Investigate GASB 60 and how it would relate to City/District public-public partnership. (12-18-12)

~~b.c.~~ Agendize future use of rail trail right-of-way. (12-18-12)

~~e.d.~~ Agendize discussion about timing for a surface water rights application required for surface water exchanges with the City of Santa Cruz Water Department (5-21-13)

~~d.e.~~ Agendize a discussion on creative financing for Mandatory Rationing.

- e.f. Investigate options for identifying location of saltwater interface. Staff contacted Randy Hanson of USGS and received the following: USGS can provide geophysics onshore, offshore and in wellbores to assess the saltwater interface as well as provide isotope, age-dating and halogen geochemical samples to determine if the saltwater is current or remnant. We were referred to David O'Leary in San Diego to determine if this is feasible for the District. Director Jaffe recommended we contact Pete Swarzenski since he is most familiar with the Monterey Bay area. This info was sent to Hydrometrics so they can follow up. We hope to schedule a presentation for the September 16, 2014 meeting.
- f.g. Agendize a follow-up discussion on water models. We planned to present a proposal from Hydrometrics at the July 15, 2014 meeting.
- g.h. Staff was asked to prepare a Gantt Chart type report showing the items staff is working on. It was recognized that the work plan reflects a very high staff work load. A Gantt Chart may help the Board to prioritize staff efforts.
- h.i. Initiate a Board Training session and hold a workshop to develop a governance policy prior to the training session.
- i.j. Agendize a conversation about a District name change – on hold due to higher priorities

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

FINANCE

- a. Agendize leak adjustment policy per direction on (2-19-13). Staff will review leak adjustment policy in light of the Water Usage Reduction Program and plans to present recommendations in ~~July~~ September.

CONSERVATION

- a. Focused on components on the CONSERVATIONplus program, WDO program, and working with developers to adhere to our process and regulations. Have been discussing the Conservation Plus program with many interested customers and how they will comply.
- b. Expanding CCSF office to accommodate new staff. Engineering and CCSF staff working with architect to start the process.
- b.c. Staff continues to adapt and operate the Water Demand Program to accommodate modifications to the program.

ENGINEERING – None

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

- a. Reducing Water Loss During Well Start-up/Shut-down – Staff received delivery of the Tannery well VFD. Installation will be completed by staff after the rehabilitation of Main Street Well. Purchase and installation of a VFD at San Andreas Well is underway. The operation of Seascape Well has been scaled back to reduce the number of start-ups and shut-downs.

RECENT AND UPCOMING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This list includes the current month and upcoming events only. The District's new website will include a calendar of events. Events marked with an asterisk are part of the regional outreach support provided by Ecology Action.

July 18 – staff co-presented at a Desal Alternative forum regarding innovation conservation approaches.

*July 20 and August 10 – Free WaterWise Gardening talk at Capitola Home Depot

*July 26 – Aptos Farmers Market outreach table

*July 27 – Wharf to Wharf after party at Capitola Whole Foods outreach table

August 31 – met with the GM and Board president of large commercial outfit regarding CONSERVATIONplus.

*August 10 – Twin Lakes Church Art Show outreach table

*August 10 – California Beer Festival in Aptos Village Park outreach table (surveys have shown we need to make more of an effort to outreach to young men)

August 12 – staff meeting with an HOA regarding CONSERVATIONplus.

*August 24 – Twin Lakes Church Family Picnic outreach table