

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE
Staff Report

Subject / Title

Special Order of the Day - Presentation by Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District – Pilarcitos Creek Restoration Workgroup Plan and Implementation Funding Agreement

Staff Recommendation:

None. This is an informational item only.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$2,500. Sufficient funds are available in the FY2008-09 budget.

Discussion/Report:

Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District, will speak on behalf of the Pilarcitos Creek Restoration Workgroup (PCRW). Ms. Nelson has worked over 20 years with private and public agencies in conservation planning, program and project development and implementation, environmental education, conservation finance, community outreach, and resolving conflicts between growth and conservation. She holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University in Political Science and Environmental Science and a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California Berkeley. She is also a certified diversity trainer.

SAM has been an active member of the PCRW since its inception in 2005. The PCRW has developed and completed an Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP). SAM's Recycled Water Program had been identified as one of the IWMP's highest priority projects. The executive summary of the plan states:

The purpose of the IWMP is to promote balanced solutions to effectively manage the Pilarcitos Creek watershed that satisfy environmental, public health, domestic water supply, and economic interests. It will achieve this purpose by prioritizing restoration projects that individually or collectively help to achieve six key goals, described in Section 3 and summarized here:

- 1. Protect and recover Steelhead trout and other native aquatic and riparian species*
- 2. Enhance streamflows while maintaining yield*
- 3. Manage stream channel corridors to reduce erosion, sedimentation and flood risks*
- 4. Increase native riparian vegetation*
- 5. Maintain good water quality conditions*
- 6. Promote community and stakeholder collaboration*

Ms. Nelson will describe the PCRW final IWMP, encourage the SAM Board to adopt the plan, and encourage the SAM Board to authorize the SAM Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding amongst four members of the workgroup for the purpose of funding one year of the ongoing administrative and implementation efforts.

The final work plan can be found here:

<http://www.samcleanswater.org/RecycledWater/PCRWIWMP.pdf>

The MOU can be found [attached to agenda item 6B](#).

There are no attachments to this staff report.