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RE: DOCUMENT NO. 52395 PROGRESS REPORT – WORK PERFORMED THROUGH MAY 30, 2008

Danielle Miller and Karen Franz met with Eileen Maher at the Port on March 20, 2008 to discuss the Agreement to Conduct Cleanups in South San Diego Bay. The majority of the meeting focused on ideas for potential cleanup sites within the Port watershed and the shorelines surrounding the San Diego Bay. During this discussion it was established that cleanups would not be conducted during the months of April, June or September due to other cleanup events taking place at those times. It was also established that in addition to the four cleanups, San Diego Coastkeeper will also engage Port employees in an on-the-water cleanup in the Coastkeeper boat.

After the meeting with Eileen, Danielle researched watershed sites that are in need of a cleanup. Based on the suggestions provided by Eileen and Stephanie Bauer of the Port as well as other colleagues that are familiar with the Chollas Creek watershed, Danielle began scouting the areas that were mentioned as potential sites for the four cleanups. In total 13 different sites were visited. These sites included shoreline sites: F and G Streets in Chula Vista, Pepper Park, and Emery Cove on the Southside of the San Diego Bay and watershed sites: Sweetwater River at Plaza Bonita in the County Park, Otay Regional Park on Beyer way, Paradise Creek next to Paradise Elementary School, Switzer Canyon in Balboa Park and Chollas Creek sites at Chollas Parkway and 54th, Federal Boulevard and San Miguel in Lemon Grove, Palm Street next to the Palm Middle School in Lemon Grove, 38th and Alfa, Euclid and Market next to the Tubman-Chavez Center. Danielle made the site visits on April 23 and 24, May 2 and May 7th.

Out of these sites, two cleanup sites have been confirmed -- Emery Cove and Paradise Creek. Emery Cove has a lot of trash on the bike path and surrounding areas and when visiting the site Danielle spoke with local citizens on interest and outreach ideas. The community is very interested in participating in a cleanup at that site. Paradise Creek also has a lot of trash as well as the potential to generate interest from the local elementary school.

Danielle is still working to secure sites for Chollas Creek. There are a few sites that she has not yet visited and is in contact with local groups that focus their efforts on Chollas Creek to get their feedback on sites with greatest need. The sites she visited with a large accumulation of trash were 54th and Chollas Parkway and 38th and Alpha. The site at Chollas Parkway is a hard site to coordinate volunteers due to lack of parking and an area to gather as meeting site as well as the proximity to a high traffic roadway. 38th and Alpha is a great area for a cleanup and has a large amount of trash to be removed.

The anticipated work for next reporting period is to set dates for the two confirmed cleanup sites and to finalize sites and set dates for the two cleanups in Chollas Creek. Danielle emailed the potential time frame for the cleanups to Eileen and is waiting to hear back. Once the dates are set we will begin promoting the sites to the Port employees and doing the outreach to the local communities surrounding these sites.

The one area that may affect project cost is trash removal. Based on Exhibit B (Compensation and Invoicing), there were no funds built into the agreement for removal of trash. For all of these sites Coastkeeper will need to acquire a waste disposal service to provide dumpsters and remove trash and some sites have an accumulation of tires, in which there is a fee for disposal.