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### **RE: DOCUMENT NO. 52395 PROGRESS REPORT – WORK PERFORMED THROUGH November 30, 2008**

Coastkeeper has hosted the first cleanup through the Port agreement in conjunction with the Paradise Creek Educational Park at Paradise Creek. The cleanup consisted of 17 volunteers, three of these volunteers were from the Port and the majority of the volunteers were students from Kimball Park Elementary. The volunteers removed 25 pounds of trash, which was comprised of food wrappers, cigarette butts, Styrofoam, bags and many other items made of plastic. The most unusual item found was a lampshade. The volunteers also took part in some park maintenance, which consisted in invasive plant removal and graffiti removal.

Coastkeeper's next cleanup is planned for February and will take place at Emery Cove along the bike path. The cleanup will take place the weekend of February 7th or the 21st. This area had a lot of trash the last time we looked and we will perform one more site visit to finalize site logistics and get a final date to Eileen, along with promotional materials to reach out to Port employees. Coastkeeper is going to do outreach to the Bayside and Emory Elementary Schools to try and gather volunteers for the cleanup, along with performing outreach to the local community.

The last two cleanup sites are still undetermined. Many sites have been visited and most of them were in the Chollas Creek area which is no longer an area of focus for cleanups under this agreement based on Eileen's recommendations. Some sites that are still being considered are: F and G Streets in Chula Vista, Pepper Park, and Sweetwater River at Plaza Bonita in the County Park. Danielle will work with Eileen to finalize the last two sites which are expected to be performed in May and July of 2009.

Coastkeeper also tried to host an on-the-water Bay cleanup with the Coastkeeper vessel for the Port. It was suggested that we connect with the Elementary Institute of Science to take their student out of the water but we were unsuccessful in getting a response. Coastkeeper would still like to host a cleanup for the Port employees or partners of the Port and Danielle can work with Eileen and Port staff for other recommendations.

The anticipated work for next reporting period is to host a cleanup in the Emory Cove area and find locations, set dates for the last two cleanups in this agreement and perform the cleanup in May. Danielle will work with Eileen to continue to involve Port employees in the next three cleanups and to promote them to outside participants.

As per Danielle's discussion with Eileen and based on Exhibit B (Compensation and Invoicing), there were no funds built into the agreement for removal of trash. This has not been a problem to date because the trash removal was provided by the City of National City at the Paradise Creek cleanup. This may affect the cost of the project as funds will need to be allocated for future cleanups as trash removal for the next three cleanups is unlikely to be provided and Coastkeeper will have to hire a waste disposal service to remove the trash after the cleanup.

In addition, we also had to make changes to those who would be working on the project to now include a Coastkeeper intern and to remove the Water Monitoring Project Manager as the agreement is no longer focusing on the Chollas Creek area.