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Groundwork
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Chollas Creek

**Chollas Creek Family Stream Team
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Report to Port of San Diego Environmental Services

I. Organization

Meetings have been held with team members (City of San Diego, URS, GWSDCC, Urban Corps) to determine the most effective use of the three-month grant extension and the remaining grant funds. It has been determined that one additional event will be held at each of the three project sites, utilizing a new and aggressive outreach campaign to both residents and community organizations (churches, schools, businesses). A grant amendment has been requested to retain a two-month consensus organizing intern from SDSU to meet with community members to share the preliminary findings of the visual trash assessment field studies, the participant surveys, and the trash characterization, and to seek opinions and suggestions for ongoing GWSDCC support of community trash awareness interests. Outreach materials will include distribution of EYES on the CREEK refrigerator magnets providing the Think Blue and City Environmental Services illegal activity reporting hotline numbers, as well as suggestions from the community leaders.

II. Collection, Exotics, Community Education and Outreach

Events will be scheduled for:

Southcrest Recreation Center	January 23
Jackie Robinson YMCA	February 20
Southcrest Trails	March 19

III. Tracking

Of most value to the planning efforts of the Port, the City of San Diego, and Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek will be the two comprehensive URS reports we will direct to the Unified Port of San Diego on or before June 15, 2010, at the close of the data collection and compilation activities. One report, in addition to the results of the surveys and characterization data, will provide an effectiveness assessment summary to inform future decision-making about the best ways to address illegal dumping and trash pollutant issues in Chollas Creek. The other will be a trash capture device feasibility study, recommending the most effective device for future use in Chollas creek.