



Marina Coast Water District & Groundwater Sustainability Agency



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Recycled Water to Start Flowing from Marina Coast Water District to the City of Seaside Drought-Proof Water Supply to Provide Substantial Benefits

The Seaside City Council unanimously approved the purchase of 407 acre-feet per year of recycled water capacity for \$7.5 million from Marina Coast Water District on August 18. The purchase is one of the last steps needed for Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) to begin supplying Seaside with over 132 million gallons per year of recycled water.

The recycled water is expected to begin flowing in the coming weeks and will be used to irrigate the City-owned Bayonet and Black Horse golf courses and reduce pumping from the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

The new recycled water supply will provide many benefits. According to MCWD General Manager Remleh Scherzinger, “recycled water will free up much-needed groundwater to support future development at Campus Town, offset Seaside’s current usage, and increase opportunities for affordable housing in Seaside. Everyone in the region will benefit from this new highly reliable water source in one way or another.”

Seaside Mayor Ian Oglesby expressed support when he stated, “The City of Seaside is proud to partner with the Marina Coast Water District on the recycled water project. This project positions the City to control our water destiny and will enable us to move critical housing projects forward.”

MCWD also expanded its service boundaries in the Ord community so that future residents who use these new recycled water supplies will also gain the ability to be represented on the Board of Directors by voting in District elections.

Scherzinger noted that “this is the culmination of many years of work, partnering with Monterey One Water to build the recycled water treatment plant, modifying ordinances, developing rates, building the infrastructure, and more. We are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to reaping the benefits of this project.”

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About Marina Coast Water District: *MCWD’s mission is to provide customers with high-quality potable and recycled water, wastewater collection, and conservation services. We are committing to ensuring that our customers receive affordable, reliable, and sustainable services through responsible planning, management, and development of water.*

Marina Coast Water District is the largest public utility in Monterey County. It is centered on all the major water resources in the region, with a desalination plant, reclamation plant, aquifer storage, and recovery facilities within its boundaries, and extensive groundwater rights. The District has connections to Agriculture, the Salinas Valley, and the Peninsula.

Our board and staff are committed to working collaboratively with our urban and agricultural neighbors to sustain our shared groundwater basin at a reasonable cost for generations to come.

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