



Sampling Station Improvement Project



Marina Coast Water District invites you to participate in an important sample site upgrade to its water distribution system. As you may know, the District conducts many tests of its drinking water throughout the year. Before the water reaches your tap, samples from wells, water treatment plants, storage reservoirs and distribution systems are collected and tested for regulated constituents.

As part of its ongoing commitment to improve service and water quality, the District is evaluating and upgrading many of its distribution system sample stations to modern above-ground sampling stations which will reduce sample environmental exposure and assure water delivery of the highest quality.

Why is the District upgrading to above ground sampling stations?

Current sampling stations are in water meter boxes below grade. Upgrading will reduce risk of environmental exposure to such things as sand, dirt, plants and animals that may interfere with sample collection and testing, and result in false positives in the sample results.

How will the new dedicated sampling stations assure that reduction of environmental exposure is satisfied?

The new stations will all be the same and under the complete control of the District. The new stations are approximately 2 feet tall and 6 inches in diameter. They are above-ground and can be locked to prevent tampering. These stations are commonly used in the water industry to reduce exposure to dirt, sand, etc and are now employed by the District.

Are there any additional advantages to having modern sampling stations?

Yes, dedicated stations conserve drinking water by reducing flushing time and provide for a better baseline comparison of water quality results.

Are there any additional advantages not outlined above for the customer to having modern sampling stations?

Yes, customers need not concern themselves with water usage during sampling.

What changes can the customer expect to the location of the new sample stations?

In the past, customers may not have been aware of the location of dedicated sampling stations as they were below ground. The new sample stations may be located at or near current sample sites or in new locations entirely to accommodate ongoing changes system wide. The new locations have been reviewed with the California Department of Health Services and will soon be used by the District.

Can the customer cooperate with the District in its endeavor?

Yes, allow District representatives to install new sampling stations.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Jim Dowless Operations and Maintenance Superintendent or Evelina Adlawan, Water Quality Manager at the District office at (831) 384-6131.