



WATER REPORT

July 2003

Surpassing State and Federal Requirements

MCWD's 2002 Water Quality Tests Surpass Standards

The District's annual 2002 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), the annual summary of the water quality tests performed, was distributed to customers during the last month. Because source wells are different, customers whose drinking water comes from the Marina well system and desalination plant received the Marina CCR, and customers whose drinking water comes from the Ord well fields received the Ord Community CCR.

The US Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Services establish water quality standards and criteria for monitoring drinking water. The



Safe Drinking Water Act requires that all water districts provide their consumers with an annual report of the water quality tests conducted throughout the year.

If you have not received your copy, please call the District at 384-6131, stop by the District office at 11 Reservation Road (adjacent to Marina State Beach) or access it online at www.mcwd.org. If you have any questions regarding the information within the CCR, please call the District's Technical Services Manager, Evelina Adlawan (pictured at left with Water Quality Chemist Thomas Barkhurst) at 384-6131.

Teachers Praise New Program

Water Conservation Message Goes to the Classroom

For the second year, the District has continued to work with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to provide water conservation education in the schools. During the four workshops conducted this year, teachers received subject information, presentation techniques and education materials to help them build their water resources libraries.

This year, the workshop program served over 39 teachers (representing over 2,300 students) from the District's service area. The workshop attendees, who rated the workshop experiences as outstanding and helpful, received six hours of water education training presented by the Water Education Foundation.



As part of the water conservation education program, a water and art effort was instituted at Olson Elementary School for two 4th grade classes. The Cultural Council of Monterey, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and MCWD cooperated in providing this program that combines water, science and art. Art instructor Paola Berthoin assisted students create workbooks for the art and water lessons. The conclusion of the program was the creation of a small stream representing a watershed. The stream is lined with tiles made by the students to show the critical elements of the watershed. Not only did the students have a good time building the project, they also learned about the importance of watersheds.

Automatic Bill Payment Available

Paying Your Water Bill Just Got Much Easier

Now you can save yourself the time of writing checks and mailing them to pay your water bills. To sign up for MCWD's Automatic Electronic Bill Payment (EBP) Service stop by the District office at 11 Reservation Road. It only takes a few minutes to complete the EBP form or you may down-

load the form directly from the District's web site at www.mcwd.org. You will still receive a monthly statement giving you the amount due and your water usage information, but the bank automatically pays the bill and deducts the payment from your bank account. This is a free service.

District Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the MCWD offices, 11 Reservation Rd. (Marina State Beach). The public is encouraged to attend.

General Manager's Corner



When you turn on your water in Marina or in the Ord Community, you can be assured that it is safe, healthful and appealing. Providing high quality water to you is our primary goal — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Your District is one of the few water agencies in this region that has its own laboratory. It is staffed by two highly qualified professionals, who conduct frequent and periodic testing of your water supplies. They are very knowledgeable about state and federal water quality requirements and standards and stay on top of the changes, which have raised the standards over the past several years.

When water quality tests reveal a changing condition in your water supplies, we immediately identify those changes to ensure that the water source continues to meet the high standards of our state and federal governments. Like most water supplies, our local groundwater is not free of all contaminants. But, the level of contaminants we do find will always remain within the required limitations.

Over time, the source of our water supplies will undoubtedly change. Individual groundwater wells may be replaced with new wells; or, production of our desalinated Monterey Bay water may be increased. The District is always looking to the future and assessing our water supply options to make sure our customers receive safe, healthful and appealing water.

All of our water quality tests for the year have been summarized in your 2002 Consumer Confidence Report, which has been distributed to customers during the last month. We encourage you to review the information it contains. As always, if you have any questions about your water quality or your District, we encourage you to contact us at 384-3161, or visit our website at www.mcwd.org.

— Mike Armstrong

Conservation Tips

Save Water, Time and Money

- Only water your lawn when it is dry. (This the single biggest waster of water during the summer and fall months.)
- To prevent water loss from evaporation, don't water during the warmest and windiest parts of the day. (Watering between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. is prohibited.)
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.

For other tips on how to become water efficient can be found at: www.h2ouse.org.

Easy Solutions

Leak Detection and Repair

Studies show that dripping faucets and leaking toilets account for as much as 14 percent of all water use. This is the equivalent to 10 gallons per person per day of water lost. Here are several ways to detect leaks:

✓ Use your water meter to check for leaks in your home. Start by turning off all faucets and water using appliances during the test period. Take a reading on your water meter, wait about 30 minutes, then take a second reading. If the dial has moved, you have a leak.

✓ The most common source of leaks is the toilet. Check toilets for leaks by placing food coloring in the tank. If the dye shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, the toilet leaks. Leaky toilets can usually be repaired inexpensively by replacing the flapper.

✓ Check for leaks in your sink and bathtub faucets. Dripping faucets can be repaired by replacing the rubber O-ring or washer inside the valve.

Employee Recognition

Connie Chavoya Has Worn Most of the Hats at the District



Connie Chavoya was recently honored by the Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors for thirty years of outstanding service. Joining the District on March 12, 1973, she has held almost every job in the District including two terms totaling seven years as the General Manager. The Board and employees of the District express their appreciation for the consider-

ate and professional job that Connie is known for.

Mission Statement: *Serving ratepayers with premier water, conservation, wastewater and customer services at a reasonable cost*

Vision Statement: *Marina Coast Water District will be the leading purveyor of innovative water and wastewater services on the Central Coast*

Board of Directors

Kenneth K. Nishi, President; Charles H. Scholl, Vice President; Thomas Moore, David Brown and Ron Russo

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