



# WATER REPORT

April 2004

## Scheduled for Marina Service Area in June

### Lead and Copper Testing Resumes

The District will be testing water samples for lead and copper from selected customer's indoor taps in the Marina service area beginning this June. Every three years, the District is required to determine the amount of lead and copper present in tap water derived from indoor pipes, faucet fixtures and solder materials. (Previous tests revealed that Marina's water supply has not exceeded the action level for lead and copper.)

If you provided water samples in 2001, you will be asked to participate again in this monitoring program. For more information, please call District Water Quality Manager Evelina Adlawan at 384-6131.

## Conserve Water

### Leaks Steal Your Water and Money

Water leaks waste water and increase your water bill. To check for leaks: (1) turn off all water sources; (2) record the reading on your water meter; and (3) check the reading two hours later. If the reading has changed, you may have a leak.

Many water meters have a small colored triangle on the meter face designed to detect even small leaks. If the triangle is moving and you have turned off all your water sources, it indicates that you have a leak.

Toilets are the most common source of leaks. Put a little food coloring in the toilet tank. If the coloring shows up in the toilet bowl without flushing, the flapper is leaking and needs to be replaced. Dripping faucets and leaking irrigation systems are also sources of loss. If you have any questions, call the District Water Conservation Coordinator at 582-2652.

## May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Fourth Marina Garden Tour Will Feature Diversity

On May 16, the Marina Tree Committee will host their fourth annual Garden Tour featuring more than eight private gardens in Marina. One of the gardens was designed to attract birds (88 species counted so far, including a Belted Kingfisher and a Green Heron visiting the fishpond). Others include garden rooms and miraculous transformations of gritty Marina sandlots to glorious garden sanctuaries.

Horticulturist Al Graham, who taught Ornamental Horticulture at MPC for 25 years, will provide information on gardening, plants and Marina's garden history.

Tickets are available at Ace Hardware (265 Reservation), and Cheryl's Beauty Salon (266 Reservation). On the day of



the tour, tickets will be sold at Marina Coast Water District's well-site garden at the southwest corner of Reservation and Salinas roads. Proceeds from the event (\$12 charge) will sponsor Marina Tree Committee projects, whose mission is to plant trees on public land in Marina and encourage residents to plant more trees. Last year, the Committee completed the North Del Monte Parkway Median Project, which accrued 2,400 volunteer hours installing

102 total trees with monies earned from the Marina Garden Tour and a Grant from California Re Leaf. For more tour information, call 582-9405.



## Marina International Wind Festival on May 8 and 9

### Come Celebrate the Wind

The fifth annual Marina International Festival of the Winds offers free admission and activities guaranteed to entertain the whole family. Featured this year will be kite flying, hang gliding, skydiving, wind-related art and science projects, giant kite demonstrations, kite-making workshops, live music and entertainment, food and craft booths and a giant inflatable air park. The Marina Volunteer Firefighters will kick off the event with a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. The "Splash Zone" from the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Crimestoppers free children fingerprinting and A.J. Robinson free medical screening will also be featured.

Events will be held daily at both Glorya Jean Tate Park and Marina State Beach in Marina (just off Highway 1 and Reservation Road) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.marinafestival.com](http://www.marinafestival.com).



## General Manager's Corner



Protecting and preserving the District's primary source of water—groundwater—remains a top priority, even as we plan to expand our water resources as specified in the District's *Water Augmentation Project*. Marina's groundwater wells tap into the Salinas groundwater basin's "deep aquifer" at depths approaching 2,000 feet below the ground. Ord Community's wells, which are located further inland and south of Blanco Road, draw water from shallower wells—the basin's 180-foot aquifer and the 400-foot aquifer. Filtered naturally by sand and gravel, our groundwater is pumped from the ground clean, clear and ready to use, requiring very little chlorine to be added before entering the distribution systems.

Because of seawater intrusion and the large amount of water pumped from the Salinas groundwater basin by all water users, we have had to relocate wells in the Marina system further inland and deeper. We carefully manage our groundwater systems and continually look for new water sources. Even as we study and plan for new water supply projects, however, groundwater will continue to be our primary resource as no other water supply source comes close to its cost, ease of production and delivery.

Providing customers with healthful and affordable water is part of the District's mission. We are fortunate to have the large Salinas groundwater basin as our primary source of supply. We will continue to manage our well systems to take maximum advantage of this available and most economical source of water. At the same time, we will continue to work with others in our area to identify new sources of water and develop them when it makes sense to do so for our customers.

— Mike Armstrong



*Judy Maben of the Water Education Foundation conducts a water education workshop for teachers at Marina Del Mar Elementary School.*

### Third Year of Water Education Workshops

## District Supports School Education

The Marina Coast Water District in conjunction with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District continue to provide water education programs for the third consecutive year. This year, a series of four workshops will assist teachers with their class curriculums. The participating schools are Olson and Marina Del Mar Elementary Schools, Los Arboles Middle School and Marshall Elementary, which will host a workshop this month. Each school appointed a water resources leader who coordinates water conservation education and distributes materials provided by Marina Coast Water District.

The latest workshop included presentations from the California Coastal Commission and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency. The District is also sponsoring a Water Art Program in the elementary schools using art as the medium for teaching children about water resources.

### ***District Receives Founder's Day Award***

On March 10, the Parent Teacher's Association at Olson Elementary School presented the District with the Founder's Day Award in recognition of the support given to the school by the District. MCWD Water Education Coordinator Bill Lovvorn accepted the award. For more information concerning the program, please call Mr. Lovvorn at 582-2656.

**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**

*Charles H. Scholl—President, David Brown, Thomas Moore, Kenneth K. Nishi, and vacancy*

*Water Report* is published quarterly for the customers of the Marina Coast Water District. MCWD is governed by an elected board of directors, which holds public monthly meetings.

Address all comments and inquiries to:  
Marina Coast Water District, 11 Reservation Road,  
Marina, CA 93933-2099 or call (831) 384-6131  
MCWD Web Site: <http://www.mcwd.org>

Copyright © 2004 MCWD

### For Toilets and Washing Machines

## \$50 Rebates Offered

The District is offering a \$50 rebate for each ultra low-flow toilet (1.6 gal) that is installed and \$50 for each high efficiency washing machine installed. It's easy! Simply keep your receipts, fill out a short form and schedule an inspection. If you have any questions, including qualifying washers, visit [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) or call us at 384-6131.

