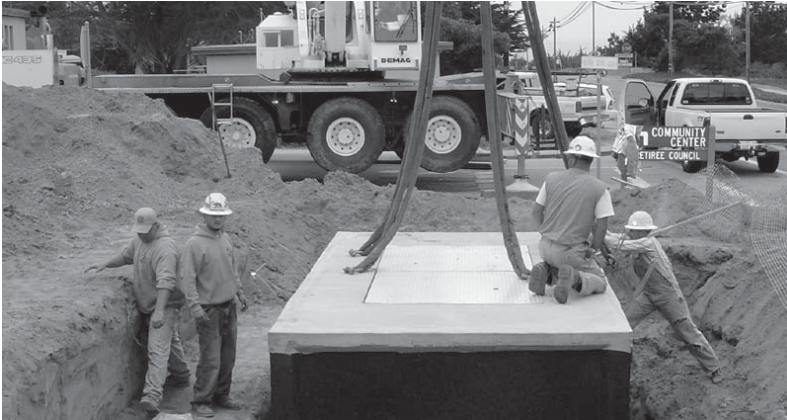




WATER REPORT

August 2004



Distribution system improvements required the use of a 100-ton crane to install pressure reducing valve vaults. Water System Distribution Operator Brian West (right) inspects improved system.

[\\$959,000 Grant Received from State](#)

District to Complete Distribution System Improvement Project

The District is making improvements on its Ord Community water system that will save water and improve water pressures. The project, which was financed by a \$959,000 grant from the California Department of Water Resources, is part of system-wide project to upgrade the infrastructure on the former Fort Ord. The system serves customers residing in Seaside, Marina, California State University Monterey Bay, Ord Military Community and Monterey County.



back to the 1950s) that were transferred to the District with the closure of Fort Ord. The replacement of isolation and control valves, pressure control valves and portions of the water pipelines will improve operations and reliability, reduce disruptions and contribute to the District's goals of conserving water and reducing the amount of electrical power required to operate well and booster pumps.

The project includes the replacement of one hundred control and pressure regulating valves (some dating

The project began in January and is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

[Water Rationing and Conservation](#)

Follow the Water Restrictions

District water conservation ordinances prohibit watering from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (other than hand watering with hoses with automatic shut-off nozzles).

Follow water conservation practices during the summer months by:

- Watering your lawn only when it is dry. (This the single biggest waster of water dur-



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ing the summer and fall months.)

- Preventing water loss from evaporation by not watering during the warm and windy periods of the day.
- Sweeping with a broom, rather than hosing down sidewalks and driveways.

Other tips on using water efficiently can be found at www.h2ouse.org.

District Board meetings are held on the second and 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



The local newspapers continue to run story after story about water issues. Most of the attention is focused on the continuing water supply problems on the Monterey Peninsula, where the historic primary source of water — the Carmel River — is not capable of providing for even today's needs, let alone future needs. We, too, are experiencing our own set of water issues, but we are running ahead of these issues in search of solutions.

Our District provides services to two distinct areas: Marina and the Ord Community. Water for (central) Marina comes from wells in the deep aquifer of the Salinas groundwater basin. Those wells show no signs of problems. We believe they will continue to be a good source of reliable, healthful drinking water for Marina for many years. Not so with the wells we inherited from the Army that supply the Ord Community. These wells pump water from the shallower aquifers, and are increasingly threatened by seawater intrusion. A long-term reliable water supply is a must for the current residents of the former Fort Ord and for the redevelopment upon which so much is riding.

We are working with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and others to plan the relocation of the Ord Community well field further inland, away from the coast and the threat of seawater intrusion. And, we are aggressively pursuing one or more additional water supply projects, to provide the total amount of water required for redevelopment in the Ord Community.

We will increase our emphasis on water conservation and education. We will protect and preserve our ability to access relatively inexpensive groundwater from the Salinas basin. And, we will work collaboratively with others to develop one or more new water supply projects to meet the future needs of our Ord Community customers. We are committed to providing water supply solutions. We will not be caught in a situation similar to the one on the Monterey Peninsula.

— Mike Armstrong

Get the Fat Out

What is FOG?

FOG refers to fats, oil, grease and other food-waste found in most kitchens. If this type of waste is poured down drains, it can congeal into a hardened layer on the inside of the pipes and cause a backup into your home or business. Please don't pour FOG down your drains. Collect FOG and other food-waste in containers and dispose of it in your garbage can.



District Meets Water Quality Standards

Annual CCR Reports Published

As documented in the recent 2003 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), the District's water quality meets or surpasses all State and Federal drinking water standards. The CCR summarizes the extensive water quality testing that has been performed during the past year. District customers whose drinking water comes from the Marina well system and desalination plant will receive the *Marina* CCR while customers whose drinking water comes from the Ord Community well system will receive the *Ord Community* CCR.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) establish the water quality regulations and standards. EPA and CDHS also require that water suppliers provide their consumers with an annual summary of the water quality of their drinking water including information about the water system, the water system's sources of drinking water, the chemicals or contaminants detected, possible sources of contaminants, health effects of detected contaminants, history of compliance with drinking water regulations and other educational information.

If you would like a copy of either or both CCR's, or if you have questions concerning your water quality, please call us at 384-6131.

Thank You Volunteers

Water Sampling Completed

The District extends its appreciation and thanks to Marina customers who collected a "first-draw" water sample for lead and copper in June.

Every three years, regulations require that the District determine how much indoor pipes, faucet fixtures and solder materials contribute to the amount of lead and copper in tap water. Previous tests revealed that Marina's water supply has not exceeded the action level (AL) for lead and copper. The results of this year's sampling will soon be made available.

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*

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