



WATER REPORT

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Your Home Garden Project Could Qualify

Pre-approval Required for New Landscape Cash Incentive Program

District customers who conserve water by replacing thirsty lawns with drought-tolerant ground covers, changing inefficient irrigation controllers to evapotranspiration-based controllers or simply installing a rain shut-off switch to an existing sprinkler system can get a cash incentive after receiving pre-approval and filling out an application form. To encourage customers to replace their lawns with water-wise landscape alternatives, the District will pay



50 cents per square foot of lawn being replaced, and 25 cents per square foot of sprinkler system area being converted to drip irrigation.

So, before you start your landscape project, call a District water conservation staff member at 883-5905 to learn if your project qualifies and to schedule a site survey, which is required prior to application approval. You can learn more about the program by visiting www.mcwd.org.

High-efficiency Toilets and Clothes Washers

They're More Affordable Than Ever

The District has received a good response to its rebate offer on high-efficiency toilets, clothes washers, and water-free urinals. When taking advantage of manufacturers' rebates, store discounts, and free delivery offers, customers are finding that it's become easier to save money on their water bills by retrofitting their toilets and clothes washers.

With District rebates of up to \$125 and PG&E's rebates of up to \$75, savings on clothes washers can be as high as \$200! It's also not uncommon to purchase high-efficiency toilets with combined savings for only \$120!



To learn more about these rebates, visit PG&E at www.flexyourpower.org, and the District at www.mcwd.org. If you need further information, please call the District at 384-6131.



The booster-pump station (foreground) is in the final stage of construction. When completed, it will replace "E" Reservoir (towering behind), which was constructed in 1958, and is scheduled to be demolished next year.

The booster-pump station is located across General Jim Moore Boulevard from the Bayonet Blackhorse Golf Course.

District Board meetings are held at 6:45 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at MCWD offices, 11 Reservation Rd. (Marina State Beach). The public is encouraged to attend.

Irrigation Season Is Over

It's Time to Turn Off Your Sprinklers

As daylight decreases and the weather cools, the amount of water landscape plants need is greatly reduced. You can eliminate water waste and safeguard the health of your plants by reducing the amount of water you apply to your landscape. The District's new Lawn Irrigation Guide, which is available at www.mcwd.org, takes the guesswork out of irrigating. The District encourages customers to install a rain shut-off switch that automatically stops unnecessary irrigation when it's raining.

Your efforts to prevent water waste can help preserve our community's precious water supply while lowering your water bill. For assistance in adjusting your automatic irrigation controller, call the District's conservation staff at (831) 883-5905.



Collection System Operators Jose Rodriguez and Martin Rosales conduct routine maintenance of sewer mains by removing fats, oils and grease that impede the flow and could cause overflows. The residue is dislodged using a high pressure spray and then vacuumed into holding tanks on the truck.

Protect Your Home and the Environment

Fats, Oil and Grease Clog Sewers

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) can build up in your sewer pipe (lateral sewer line) that extends from your home to the sewer main beneath the street. FOG can block these lines and cause wastewater backups, especially during cooler weather.

While the District is responsible to perform periodic cleaning of the sewer mains and responds to blockages in these mains on a 24-hour basis, you are responsible for the maintenance of your lateral sewer line.

By keeping fats, cooking oils and grease out of your sewer, you will greatly reduce the threat of clogging the line. So, along with food scraps, pour your cooking oil and grease into a container that you can dispose of in your garbage can.

Keeping our sewer system flowing smoothly is a joint effort in which we all need to do our part. Visit the South Monterey County Bay Dischargers Group's web site at www.ClogBusters.org for more information.

Mission Statement: Providing high quality water, wastewater and recycled water services to the District's expanding communities through management, conservation and development of future resources at reasonable costs.

Vision Statement: The Marina Coast Water District will be the leading public supplier of integrated water and wastewater services in the Monterey Bay Region.

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District Service Awards Presented

Lizet Ceras was awarded a certificate for five years service by the Board of Directors. Lizet is an Accounting Technician.

Marc Duplissie was awarded a certificate for 10 years service by the Board of Directors. Marc is a Water Distribution System Operator.

Ad Hoc Committee to Be Formed

The Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors is forming an Ad Hoc Committee made up of five members of the public to consider procedures and guidelines for future use in filling the executive staff positions. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call the District at 384-6131.

'Be Prepared' Urges the American Red Cross

Getting Through an Emergency

As we learned from the Katrina crisis, emergency personnel cannot always respond to the needs of everyone in the community during times of crisis. That's why the Red Cross urges people to store at least three days of food, water and critical supplies.

The Red Cross also encourages you to "get a kit, make a plan and be informed." Learn more about this by visiting the American Red Cross web site at www.redcross.org—and be prepared.