



# WATER REPORT

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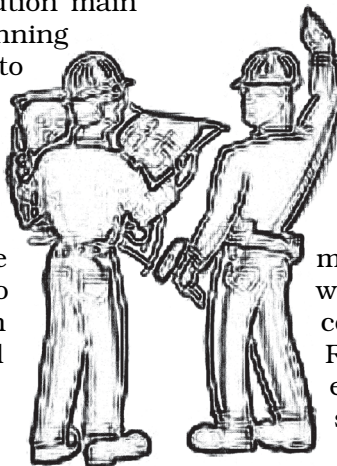
## Work Scheduled to Begin in April

### Reservation Road and Hillcrest Avenue Water Pipeline to Be Extended

Approximately 6,500 feet of water distribution main along Reservation Road will be replaced beginning this April. The project has been designed to improve the efficiency of the distribution system that delivers water to central Marina and increase water reliability for emergencies requiring large amounts of water.

Construction will begin at the intersection of Reservation Road and Salinas Avenue and continue west on Reservation Road to Crescent Avenue. The pipeline will then turn north along Crescent Avenue to Sirena Del Mar Road.

Part of the project also involves connecting two existing eight-inch water lines lo-



cated in Hillcrest Avenue just south of the Crescent Avenue/Hillcrest Avenue intersection. This aspect of the project will improve distribution and water quality for the immediate area. Approximately 200 feet of pipeline will be used for the connection.

The entire project will take approximately 10 weeks to complete. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact of construction on traffic along Reservation Road, Crescent Avenue and Hillcrest Avenue. Please keep our construction crews safe by obeying the speed limits through the construction zones.

## Interim General Manager Installed

### Board of Directors Commend Outgoing General Manager

At the Marina Coast Water District board meeting held on January 11, the Board of Directors recognized the contributions of outgoing General Manager Mike Armstrong for his role in the successful completion of the District's effort to acquire the water and wastewater systems on the former Fort Ord. He was also commended for his leadership role over the past six years in overseeing the planning and execution of water and wastewater system improvements, and an expanded water conservation program to support the redevelopment growth expected at the former Fort Ord.

During the meeting, the Board designated Marc A. Lucca, Deputy General Manager/District Engineer, as interim General Manager.



## For Your Protection

### MCWD Employee Identification

All District employees are required to carry identification. If you have any reason to question the identity of someone claiming to be a District employee, call the District office at 384-6131 to confirm the identification of an employee.

## Water Quality Update

### New Regulations to Take Effect

#### **Arsenic**

On January 23, 2006, the California Department of Health Services implemented new Federal arsenic monitoring requirements and Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 µg/L. Arsenic levels in the Marina and Ord Community source wells have been below the new Federal MCL or not detected and comply with the new rule. The levels detected come from naturally occurring minerals present in our soil.

#### **Radionuclide Rule**

The Federal Radionuclide Rule and the draft State rule establish maximum contaminant levels for gross alpha and beta particle activity, a standard for uranium and requires a one-time monitoring for Radium-228. Historical gross alpha data collected since 2001 from the Marina and Ord Community source wells satisfy the initial monitoring requirements of the rule. Additionally, Radium-228 was not detected in quarterly samples collected in 2005 from each source well.

If you have any questions concerning water quality, please call Water Quality Manager Evelina Adlawan at 883-5918.

**District Board meetings are held at 7:00 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.**

## General Manager's Corner



On January 17, the District Board of Directors appointed me the interim General Manager. Taking on my new responsibilities has given me reason to pause and review what the District has achieved over the past year and what we plan for this coming year.

Last year, the District replaced the Bayer Tank after approximately 40 years of service. Its replacement, which involved constructing pipeline connections with the Ord Community, immediately improved water pressure and service reliability to many of the District's service areas. During that time, a new treatment system was installed at our Marina wells that uses sodium chloride (table salt) to treat water rather than chlorine gas. This new system also reduces naturally occurring taste and odor compounds that are sometimes noticeable in well water.

In the first half of 2006, two existing water storage tanks will be replaced in the military housing area of Fitch Park. Like the Bayer Tank, they have come to the end of their useful lives. The tanks serve not only Fitch Park but Fitch School and Seaside Highlands. Improvements will also begin on the Main Garrison Wastewater Treatment Plant along Highway 1 that will help reduce odors that are sometimes noticeable in the area.

Marina customers will see a water pipeline installed along Reservation Road, which will improve pressure, flows and reliability of the system. Also, several small improvement projects have been planned to replace deteriorating sewer mains.

These are just some of the projects that the District has planned to better serve the needs of our customers. If you have any questions about these projects, please call us or visit our website where you can see additional information on these and many other District activities.

I look forward to serving you by ensuring that you continue to receive the highest quality water.

— Marc A. Lucca

### Mark Your Calendar for March 20

## Symposium and Expo Is Coming

The Water Awareness Committee of Monterey County invites you to attend their Water-wise Landscape Symposium and Expo that will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Rancho Canada Golf Course facilities in Carmel Valley. You will meet local landscape pros and learn about water-saving landscape technology and water-wise garden design ideas. For info and attendee or vendor registration, visit [www.waterawareness.org](http://www.waterawareness.org), call (831) 646-4656 or email [plord@mcwd.org](mailto:plord@mcwd.org).

## In the District News

### Employee of the Quarter Named



Ken Demmons, Project Manager, was recognized by the Board of Directors as the Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2006. He was commended for the successful completion of several challenging projects that required his construction engineering expertise.

### Board Awards Plaque for Five Years Service



Tim Buhl, Operations and Maintenance Systems Operator II, received a five-year service award from the Board of Directors. He holds Grade II Water Treatment, Grade II Water Distribution Operator and Backflow Prevention Assembly General Tester certifications. The Board recognized Tim's enthusiasm and hard work.

### Water Conservation Commissioners Requested

The District's Water Conservation Commission needs volunteers to provide input to the District's Board of Directors on water conservation issues. If you are interested in serving, please call Conservation Coordinator Rich Youngblood at 883-5928.

### Holiday Thanks

During the Christmas season, the District participated in the Cards and Cocoa for the Troops program for our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Customers and District employees donated many items to provide holiday cheer for our soldiers. We thank all those who participated as well as our troops who are placing their lives on the line for our country.

### Property Sale Requires Inspection

The sale of a home requires a water conservation inspection from the Marina Coast Water District. Old 3.5 gallon per flush toilets are required to be replaced by 1.6 gallon per flush toilets. In addition, all showerheads must flow at 2.5 gallons per minute or less.

**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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