



WATER REPORT

November 2002



Third Annual Open House

Community Comes Together

The Third Annual Marina Coast Water District Open House was held on Saturday, September 14, at MCWD's offices adjacent Marina State Beach.

Displays presented the various activities of the District, and tours of the desalination facility described the workings of the plant. Performances by the Seaside High Junior ROTC Drill Team and the Los Arboles Middle School cheerleaders delighted the audience.

Attendees, who gave rave reviews about the event, will be happy to know that next year's Open House is already being planned.

Thanks to Our Customers

Ord Community Water Passes Lead and Copper Testing

The sampling of interior tap water from homes and businesses in the Ord Community conducted in June 2002 revealed that lead and copper in the drinking water is in compliance with State and Federal regulations. This monitoring, which is done every three years, determines if significant levels of lead or copper are leaching into drinking water from corrosion by plumbing systems. Thanks to our customers in the Ord Community for your help in collecting the samples.

Water Conservation Education

Board Commends School Program

The Board of Directors acknowledged the District's Water Education Consultant, Bill Lovvorn (pictured right with MCWD General Manager Mike Armstrong), for his outstanding work in the local schools spreading the water conservation message. His implementation of a program providing information, materials and instruction to teachers to aid them in teaching water science was recognized as exceptional. During the program's first year, Bill organized three workshops for 91 teachers from all of the Monterey Peninsula School District (MPUSD) schools in Marina. With the help of MPUSD principal-leader Bob Miller, Principal at Olson Elementary, the school water conservation education program is expanding this year to the schools in the Ord Community.



Help Wanted

Your Water Commission Needs You

The Water Conservation Commission (WCC) has two member openings. The WCC is a seven-person voluntary advisory body to the Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors that provides input on water conservation issues. The WCC hold its public meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the District's Beach Office. If you would like to apply or have questions about the WCC or other committees, please call 384-6131.

Helping Our Community

Holiday Donations Are Welcome

Last year, District employees and customers donated food, clothing, household necessities and gifts to several Marina families in need. If you would like to join us this year, you can make your donations to the District office by Friday, December 13. For information call Paula Carina at 582-2604.

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 and express their comments.

Manager's Corner



Each of us at the District would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the many members of our community who helped make the third annual open house a success. It was great to see our Marina and Ord Community customers watch the Los Arboles Middle School cheerleaders and the Seaside

High School Junior ROTC students perform, as well as enjoy refreshments and games, view our displays and tour the desalination plant. Special thanks to our local businesses who donated their services and products: Burger King, Albertson's, Perfect Nails, New Hong Kong Restaurant, El Palomar, Round Table Pizza, Mountain Mike's Pizza, Soleil de St. Tropez, Marina Seafood Restaurant, Café Pronto, A J Spurs and English Ales Brewery.

The District's goal is to make sure that your water and wastewater collection services are superior, your rates are reasonable and our water supply projects are sustainable and planned effectively. Because we have agreements that limit the amount of water we can pump from our wells, and because some of our coastal aquifers are contaminated from seawater intrusion, we must carefully plan for future water supplies for Marina and the Ord Community.

Presently, the District is studying and evaluating different water supply alternatives including desalination, recycled water, groundwater, surface water, storm water, and new pumps, pipelines and storage facilities. We're looking at partnering opportunities with other agencies to achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings. Currently, we're jointly developing a regional recycled water project with the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

We'll continue to keep you informed about what directions the District may take, as we ensure our future water supplies match our water demands. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and feedback.

— Mike Armstrong

Winter Watering

Cut Back on Watering

During the cooler season, it's important to cut back in irrigation since Marina's sandy soils don't dry out quickly. So that water isn't wasted, please reduce your scheduled watering times. Saving water saves money!



Mark Duplissie and Richard Green maintain the District's sewer lines.

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Operations and Maintenance Division On The Job

In addition to providing water service, the District maintains and cleans more than 170 miles of sewer pipelines used to collect wastewater, and transports it to the wastewater treatment plant located two miles north of Marina.

The District's preventative maintenance program is designed to keep the system well maintained in order to protect the environment and public health. The District's sewer cleaning truck uses high-pressure water jetters to clean and flush the lines. The system is cleaned every 12 months with some high-use areas serviced more often.

The crews also respond to sewer emergencies such as blockages that cause back-ups. Grease and tree roots are the primary causes of blockages. The District has an emergency response plan and trained staff members that are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

Thomas Moore, President; David Brown, Vice President; Emmette Randle, Jr.; Kenneth K. Nishi; and Charles H. Scholl

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