



# WATER REPORT

June 2008

*Providing a Reliable Water Supply With Consistent Pressure*

## Ord Community Booster Station Moves Into Full Operation

In March, the District added a high-tech booster station to its operations. The new station is located across from Blackhorse Bayonet Golf Course. "It took 12 months to construct the \$1.5 million station," reports District Engineer Jeff Cattaneo. "Proudly, it was on schedule and under budget."

A series of booster pumps (pictured) at the station provide customers with a reliable water supply with consistent pressure. The station has an emergency power source to insure continuous operation even during extended outages. It is also equipped with two fire booster pumps to increase water flows in the event of an emergency.



The station is regulated by a supervisor control and data acquisition (SCADA) system that monitors water distribution and sends commands based on customer demands. The SCADA operator is able to monitor operations of the entire system and react immediately if necessary.

The station replaces the 50-year-old elevated reservoir, which was constructed by the Army in 1958 and stands ap-

proximately 100 feet tall. The reservoir has been drained of water and is no longer in service because of seismic concerns. The additional space provided after its demolition will allow for additional improvements to meet customer needs in the future.

*Put the District to Work for You*

## Free Irrigation Inspections Offered

The District is offering customers a free visit from a District water conservation specialist, who will help you reduce the amount of water you use for irrigation which can benefit your plants. The specialist will inspect your irrigation system for proper operation and sprinkler efficiency. Leaks will be reported and recommendations offered regarding spray-pattern adjustments.

If you would like an evaluation or information about how to plan an irrigation schedule, contact Water Conservation Specialist Paul Lord at 883-5905.



## Water-wise Landscape Incentives Save Dollars and Make Sense



Before you begin a landscape project, learn about the District's landscape incentive program. Customers are receiving cash for converting their sprinkler systems to

drip irrigation, removing established turf and replacing it with drought tolerant plants or synthetic turf, or installing an ET controller or rain shut-off switch. Visit the District's website at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org) to learn more and call 883-5905 to schedule landscape project evaluation.

**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.**

## District Chemists Take Water Quality Testing Very Seriously

More than 9,000 water-quality tests are performed every year at the District's certified environmental laboratory to meet the ever-increasing, stringent Safe Drinking Water Act regulations. To complete this task requires the monitoring of more than 170 constituents, including coliform bacteria, disinfection residual and byproducts, minerals, metals, asbestos, radioactivity, inorganic chemicals such as chloride, fluoride, nitrate and organic chemicals, including solvents, pesticides and herbicides.



"We're committed to supplying our customers with high-quality drinking water," states Water Quality Chemist Thomas Barkhurst (pictured), who, along with Water Quality Manager Evelina Adlawan, is responsible for providing the data presented in the annual Consumer

Confidence Report (CCR), the summary of monitoring data that has been collected throughout the year.

Thomas, who has been with the District since April 1999, holds a Grade 2 Water Quality Analyst certificate of competency with the American Water Works Association, California-Nevada Section and has earned a bachelor of science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California.

The 2007 CCR, which can be viewed at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org), has recently been mailed to customers

along with their water bills. If you haven't received your copy yet and would like a copy, or have any questions regarding the information reported, please call Evelina Adlawan at 883-5918.

### Water Is Precious on California's Central Coast

## New Conservation Program Directed at the Hospitality Industry

Everyone on the Monterey Peninsula is conserving water, including local hotel and restaurant owners. A new program for hotels and restaurants has recently been instituted by the Marina Coast Water District, Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Association of Monterey Bay Governments and the Water Awareness Committee of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

Hotel representatives are offering their guests the option **not** to have their linen or towels changed daily to save water. (A recent study showed that 45 percent of hotel water use is laundry and guest room maintenance. Every pound of linen washed requires 2.5 gallons of water with each room having 12 pounds of linen. Based on these figures, each room has the potential of saving

30 gallons of water per day.)

Restaurant managers are telling their patrons that water will be served only upon request since "Water is Precious on California's Central Coast." (Every glass of water takes four glasses of water to clean. Each glass not ordered therefore saves five glasses of water.)

### Rebates

## Want Some Help Buying a Toilet?



Consider replacing your current toilet with a high-efficiency (1.28 gallon or less per flush) model and receive a rebate of up to \$125. For qualifying information, visit [mcwd.org](http://mcwd.org) and for performance ratings, visit the California Urban Water Conservation Council's site at [cuwcc.org/toilet\\_fixtures.lasso](http://cuwcc.org/toilet_fixtures.lasso).

**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 Customers Are Conserving Water

## Did You Know?

Over 75 percent of the customers in the District have switched to low-flow showerheads. These showerheads operate on less than 2.5 gallons per minute, which equates to the potential savings of thousands of gallons each day.

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