



WATER REPORT

July 2006

[2005 Consumer Confidence Report Now Available](#)

Water Quality Exceeds Standards

For the first time, District customers in Central Marina and Ord Community received a combined Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which provides information on the District's drinking water quality for 2005. Once again, the District's drinking water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please call the District's Water Quality Manager, Evelina Adlawan at 384-6131. The 2005 CCR is also available online at www.mcwd.org.

[Cost-Saving Improvement](#)

New Meters Are Being Installed

The District continues replacing old water meters with new Automated Meter Reading (AMR) meters, which are read via radio from a District vehicle. The AMR meter changeout program was initiated by the District three years ago.

Currently, about 40 percent of the meters in the District have been replaced. The AMR meter replacement program, which will provide an increased level of service and savings for District customers, is scheduled to be completed within the next few years.

If you have questions about the new meters, please call Customer Service at 384-6131.



[General Jim Moore Boulevard Waterline](#)

Project to Expand Water Service

The District completed work on the potable waterline in the southbound lane of General Jim Moore Boulevard. Paving of the southbound lane was completed the first week of May. The 20-inch potable waterline is now in service and providing quality drinking water to the District's customers living in Seaside and future customers in Del Rey Oaks.

Recently, plans have been approved to install a recycled waterline in the northbound lane of General Jim Moore Boulevard before that lane is paved. The recycled waterline will be a component of a much larger and comprehensive Regional Water Augmentation Plan being undertaken. The recycled waterline will distribute recycled water from the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency to large irrigation water users, such as golf courses, parks, and cemeteries, within the District's service area.

Recycled water, sometimes referred to as reuse or reclaimed water, has proven to be a safe and reliable source of water and is closely regulated by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. For more information regarding recycled water and its benefits, please visit www.mcwd.org and click on "Recycling."

[July Is SMART Irrigation Month](#)

Save Water, Money and Have Healthier Plants

The key to efficient landscape irrigation is applying just enough water. Besides conserving water and money, this water-wise strategy will result in a healthier landscape.

Consider purchasing one of the new "SMART" evapotranspiration controllers to irrigate your landscape. These high-tech, weather-based controllers

automatically apply the right amount of water based on evaporation, precipitation, plant water use and soil moisture. By irrigating landscapes only when needed, SMART controllers offer substantial water savings and convenience.



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.

General Manager's Corner



Working for Your Future

While driving around Central Marina and the Ord Community, I was struck by the changing landscape. Gone are many of the empty, dilapidated

buildings and barracks that were once Fort Ord. In their place are several new communities under construction: University Villages and Cypress Marina Heights. While demolition and site preparation is visible, what you won't see is the new infrastructure — water, recycled water pipelines and sewer lines — that the District is installing.

Since 1998 the District has been providing water and sewer collection services to the Ord Community and is actively involved in serving the new communities proposed by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. In addition to the waterline recently completed in General Jim Moore Boulevard (see article in this issue), the District is getting ready to install recycled water pipelines in the General Jim Moore Boulevard that will bring recycled water to existing and future customers in the area, including Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Courses plus a proposed golf course in the City of Del Rey Oaks. Under a joint agreement with the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, these pipelines may also be used cooperatively to provide recycled water to the Monterey Peninsula.

When traveling along Imjin Parkway, you may have noticed work at the area sewer lift stations. These are just two of six stations that will be rehabilitated this year to provide more reliable sewer service to our existing and future customers. And when traveling along Reservation Road, you have no doubt been slowed by construction of the new pipeline being installed. As discussed in our last Water Report, when this project is completed, it will improve fire fighting capabilities and overall water service in Central Marina. The good news is that project is ahead of schedule and expected to be completed this summer. Thank you for your continued patience.

As you can see, the District has been busy serving our customers in Central Marina and the Ord Community. We take great pride in providing you with the highest quality water and services as we have since 1960.

— Marc A. Lucca, General Manager

In the District News

Thomas Barkhurst, Water Quality Chemist

Thomas Barkhurst, the District's Water Quality Chemist achieved certification as a Water Quality Analyst Grade 2 from the CA-NV American Water Works Association. Thomas has been working in the District's laboratory since April 1999.



Susan Kiefert Named Employee of the Quarter

The Board of Directors' recognized Susan Kiefert as Employee of the Quarter for April-June. Ms. Kiefert joined the District 22 years ago as a customer service specialist. The Board cited her abilities to effectively communicate and assist customers and her dedication to the District.



Conservation Rebate Program Continues

The District offers a \$50 rebate for each ultra low flow toilet (1.6 gal) or high efficiency (dual flush) toilet that is installed. Each high efficiency clothes washer (Energy Star) purchased and installed is also eligible for a \$50 rebate. To receive a rebate: 1) keep your original receipt, 2) fill out a short form and 3) contact the District. For more information, including qualifying washers, visit www.energystar.gov or call the District at 384-6131.

Keep fats, oils and grease out of your drains

Kitchen grease is the leading cause of sewer spills. Here's what you can do to help solve the problem:

- Pour all cooking oil and grease into a can or bag and dispose of them in the garbage. (Garbage disposals don't remove grease.)
- Scrape grease, butter and food scraps from pans and plates into the garbage.
- Use your sink strainers.

Emergency Preparedness

To plan for major emergencies and be prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours, essential items should be kept on hand. Check the Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and OES (www.oes.ca.gov) web sites for details.

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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