



WATER REPORT

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Do Your Part to Prevent Sewage Spills

Grease — Put a Lid on It

Grease is the primary problem in residential and commercial plumbing systems and connecting sewer lines causing backups and overflows. Grease builds up in the pipes blocking the wastewater flow.

To avoid plumbing problems and spills, please do not put grease down the drain. Instead, pour it in a can along with food scraps and dispose of it in your garbage can.

Water Conservation Commission

WCC Provides Critical Link

The Water Conservation Commission is a volunteer group that provides input to the District's Board of Directors on important water conservation issues.

The Commission, which meets once a month, is made up of representatives from the City of Marina, Ord Military Community, CSUMB and five members from the community. If you are interested in participating on the Commission or have any questions about it, please call 384-2652. Applications may be obtained at the District's Beach Offices at 11 Reservation Road in Marina.

For High Efficiency Washers and Ultra Low Flow Toilets

District Offers \$50 Rebates

The District is offering a \$50 rebate for each ultra low flow toilet replacing a 3.5 gallon toilet and a \$50 rebate for each high efficiency washing machine that is purchased by residents within the District's service area.

All you have to do is keep your receipts, fill out a short form and schedule an inspection. If you have any questions or need a form, visit the District's web site at mcwd.org or call 384-6131 (the same telephone number to schedule an inspection). The list of washing machines that qualify are available at energystar.com.



Providing Desalination Information

State Task Force Visits District

District General Manager Mike Armstrong briefed the Governor's Desalination Task Force when they visited the District's desalination plant on August 26. The Task Force is responsible for identifying opportunities and making recommendations about desalination applications in California.

Get Your Questions Answered

Check Our Web Site – mcwd.org

The District's web site provides current information on public meetings, downloadable forms and information on conservation and desalination. The water quality section contains information on your water quality, the testing done to ensure safe water and copies of the current Consumer Confidence Reports. There is a frequently asked questions section that contains those questions most asked about your water, paying your bill and many other topics.



Water Conservation Reminder

Cooler Weather Changes Landscape Needs

As the cooler, shorter days begin, you can cut back on watering your landscape by adjusting your irrigation schedule. Water is precious and each of us needs to conserve it. Remember that landscape watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. is prohibited other than by hand.

District Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the MCWD offices, 11 Reservation Rd. (Marina State Beach). The public is encouraged to attend.

General Manager's Corner



A major concern within our communities for many months has been how our land use jurisdictions (cities and county) should plan for the redevelopment of the former Fort Ord military installation. Specifically, the debate has focused on the density and types

of housing to be built, and, to a lesser extent, the amount of commercial, institutional and industrial development to be considered.

In all the discussions, few people dispute that the most critical factor is *water*. The total amount of water needed for redevelopment — 9,000 acre-feet per year as identified in the redevelopment documents — is not in dispute. That amount will be allocated by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority among the cities and the county. The questions that the jurisdictions are wrestling with is how much water to allot various projects, and to what uses the water should be designated within each project.

The District's responsibility is to provide water to all customers within Marina and the Ord Community. We must be able to assure the cities and the county that sufficient, sustainable water supplies exist to support their needs.

New state laws require that specific statements of water availability be made by water suppliers before large-scale developments (500 homes or more) can proceed. Because our water comes from the Salinas Groundwater Basin (we have agreements with the County of Monterey providing for its continued use and protection), the groundwater water supplies for Marina and the Ord Community are secure for the foreseeable future. However, while the amount of groundwater for Marina is adequate, the amount of groundwater presently allocated by the County to the Ord Community is 6,600 acre-feet per year, or 2,400 acre-feet per year less than the 9,000 acre-feet that is required and has been approved.

The District's response to the need for an additional source of non-groundwater is the *Urban Water Augmentation Project*, which will examine water recycling, desalination and other possible options to satisfy the 2,400 acre-feet/year deficit. We plan to complete this study for the District Board of Directors' review in the early part of 2004. Our goal is to implement a new water project for the Ord Community by 2007.

— Mike Armstrong



Excellence in Customer Service

District Employees Recognized for Achievement and Service

Mark Duplisse (left) was nominated by his fellow employees as Employee of the Quarter from July through September. Mark works in the Operations and Maintenance Department and holds a certification in Water Treatment and Distribution.

Technical Services Manager **Evelina Adlawan** (right) was recently recognized for 25 years of service with the District. Evelina has been in charge of the laboratory since she joined the District on August 14, 1978.

Sherrie Payne, Customer Service Representative, is congratulated by Administrative Services Officer Suresh Prasad on her award for 20 years of service with the District. Sherrie joined the District on July 18, 1983.



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*

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