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Montara Water and Sanitary District

WATER NEWS

Montara's Local Control of Water Beats the Drought, But Our Customers Still Must Watch Their Taps

We have a secure, locally controlled water supply system that is adequate even during this historic statewide drought. What's more, we are able to report that customers have dropped their annual water use by 27 percent since 2004. Nonetheless, state regulators want Montara area customers to cut even more. Below are the state mandated restrictions for our community.

Customers Must Follow These State Mandated Water Restrictions:

- Limit outdoor irrigation to two days per week.
- No irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes.
- No use of potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways.
- No runoff when irrigating with potable water.
- No use of hoses without automatic shutoff nozzles to wash cars.
- No potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate the water.
- No irrigating outdoors during measurable rain or within 48 hours following.
- Restaurants cannot serve water to their customers unless the customer requests it.
- Hotels and motels must offer guests the option to not have linens and towels laundered daily and prominently display this option in each guest room.
- No irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians.

Private well owners are also asked to cut back on water use.

Decreasing pumping will help protect the groundwater aquifer for everyone.

Increased Water Efficiency Rebates. Rebates are increased on low-flush toilets and water/energy efficient washers to \$100 per toilet and \$150 per washer. See the link below for appliance rebate details: mwsd.montara.org/documents/links/rebates. An additional \$50 rebate for washers is available through PG&E at www.waterenergysavings.com.

Water-saving and drought-tolerant landscaping tips. For tips and ideas, please visit our conservation page at mwsd.montara.org or at SaveOurH2O.org

Over the last decade, the District has developed a 100% local water supply that provides adequate water to meet our community's needs. The District continues exploring and monitoring the groundwater basin to ensure its long-term health.

Active Program to Develop New Water Supplies and Protect the Aquifer

The District has an ongoing program to explore the groundwater basin in search of new water supplies and to monitor the health of the Basin so that it can be protected into perpetuity. A top strategic priority of the District is water supply and water quality protection.





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Safely dispose of medication at pharmacies, rather than flushing into wastewater.

Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste by calling Recology of the Coast, 650-355-9000, or visit recologyofthecoast.com

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Investments Improve the Water System for Customers



In 2003, the District took over a crumbling, inadequate water system from a private water company. Since then, the District has worked steadily to improve the water and sewer systems by investing about \$3 million each year in repairs and improvements. A recent focus of improvement has been storage tanks. The District will soon have over 1.3 million gallons of water storage—ready to serve customers daily, as well as during fires and other emergencies.

Residents Tell District What They Want in Community Workshop

A full house of about 70 local residents participated in a community workshop last summer and provided input as part of the District’s strategic planning process. In one exercise, participants were asked the following: “Five, 10 or more years into the future, if you were granted power over the District, what three things would you change or keep the same?” Here are the issues with the top number of responses:

- 35 – No Consolidation
- 21 – Develop a Community Parks District
- 20 – Develop Our Own Internet Service
- 18 – Infrastructure Development
- 11 – Protect Water Quality

Through the strategic plan, the Board committed to being open about considering new services that are wanted by the community. Each will be evaluated on its own merits. The District will only consider moving forward with new services if it can accomplish them without impacting current services.



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