

Proudly Serving You for
30 Years

MRWPCA UPDATE

MONTEREY REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Since 1977

Dedicated to Meeting Wastewater and Recycled Water Needs



For the past 11 years, we've been cutting our costs to hold your rates!

Cutting operating costs over the past 11 years has enlisted the ingenuity and customer dedication of each MRWPCA employee. If rates were based on the Consumer Price Index (as done by many agencies throughout the state), your wastewater treatment rate would have increased by approximately 25 percent during this time.

Over the last 30 years, we began developing ways to convert wastewater to usable byproducts: recycled water from liquid wastewater; biosolids (fertilizer) from solids in the wastewater; and electricity from methane gas collected during treatment process.

Serving Monterey County Communities for 30 Years

MRWPCA was formed to provide regional wastewater collection and treatment services for communities in Northern Monterey County.

Regional Treatment Plant Named Best in State 2000

The selection was based on MRWPCA's team management, excellent safety record (with no sewage spills) and operational cost-efficiency.

Adding Another Water Resource to the County

Since the construction of the Water Recycling Facility, wastewater has been converted to safe irrigation water. Plans are now underway to designate a portion of this water for urban use. Recycled water helps relieve seawater intrusion and provides an important water resource for the County.



30 Years of Milestones

1972- Facing stringent state regulations and aging treatment plants, several municipalities in Monterey County formed a partnership to build a regional wastewater treatment plant to consolidate operations.

1980- A five-year study (MWRSA) began to determine the safety of recycled water to irrigate food crops.

1987- The MWRSA project concluded that vegetables grown with tertiary treated wastewater were safe to eat without cooking.

1990- The newly constructed Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, (RTP) replacing eight small facilities, began secondary wastewater treatment discharging effluent two miles into the Bay.

1992- Electricity was produced at RTP by reclaiming methane gas (a byproduct of the treatment process).

1992- MRWPCA and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency formed a partnership to build two projects: a water recycling facility at RTP; and a distribution system to the agricultural areas.

1997- The Water Recycling Facility began operation converting wastewater to recycled water reducing the need to discharge treated water into the Bay.



Visit Us at the Fair

Education Program Designed to Protect the Environment

From the Monterey County Fair to the recent Oceans Fair along the Bay, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency has been providing community educational exhibits for over 10 years.

Part of the outreach program is designed to inform the community about MRWPCA's recycling efforts

and to teach the public ways to protect our environment with pollution prevention strategies.

Ongoing information campaigns include: *Don't Pour Grease Down the Drain, Put a Lid on It;* and (for water softener users) *Switch to Potassium Chloride from Sodium Chloride.*

Save Time and Postage

Have You Considered an Automatic Payment Service?

If you would like to take advantage of automatic payment service, sign and return the coupon below with your payment. Please pay with a check from the account to be used, as this will provide us with the information necessary to instruct your bank to automatically deduct your wastewater payment every two months.

You will receive a letter advising you of payment dates to allow you time to confirm the arrangement. Give us a call at 372-2385 or 449-6366 and we'll be happy to explain how you can save both time and postage.

Plant tours

Visit the Champions

See for yourself why MRWPCA was named top large treatment facility in California. School groups and organizations can schedule a tour of the plant by calling 645-4604 or 422-1001.

What We Do

The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency is responsible for treating wastewater for Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City, Seaside, Boronda, Castroville, Moss Landing, Marina, the former Fort Ord, and unincorporated areas of northern Monterey county. MRWPCA's facilities include a 30 million-gallon-per-day treatment plant and water recycling facility located two miles north of Marina, as well as community pumping stations and transport piping to the treatment plant. (City sewer systems are maintained independently by each city.)

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I authorize MRWPCA and my financial institution to initiate entries to my checking savings account for wastewater fees. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you of cancellation in writing. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution three days before my account is charged. I can have the amount of an erroneous charge immediately credited to my account up to 15 days following issuance of my financial statement or 60 days after posting, whichever occurs first. This amount deducted will equal the balance owed.

Signature

Date

