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Soquel Creek Water District is a nonprofit, local government agency with a locally elected Board of Directors. The District provides water supply and water resource management to more than 45,000 customers within a 17-square mile area of mid-Santa Cruz County.

The Board of Directors meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the District's office at 5180 Soquel Drive. Meetings are open to everyone and comments from the public are heard at each meeting.

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# Puzzling water facts

Learn some facts about the District and have fun finding the words printed below in **BOLD** in the word puzzle on the right.

The Soquel Creek Water District is governed by an elected **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**. The day-to-day operations are overseen by General Manager Laura **BROWN**.

The District serves the communities of **CAPITOLA, SOQUEL, APTOS, SEASCAPE, RIO DEL MAR, and LA SELVA BEACH**.

The District has 16 **WELLS** that draw **GROUNDWATER** from two **AQUIFERS**, the **AROMAS RED SANDS** and the **PURISIMA** Formation. We are currently using water at a faster rate than can be replen-

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ished in the aquifers. This condition is called **OVER-DRAFT**. That is why water **CONSERVATION** is so important. You can find out how to conserve water around your home

or business by calling the District and scheduling to have a **WATER SURVEY** done by our Water Conservation Specialist.



# What's ON TAP

At the Soquel Creek Water District

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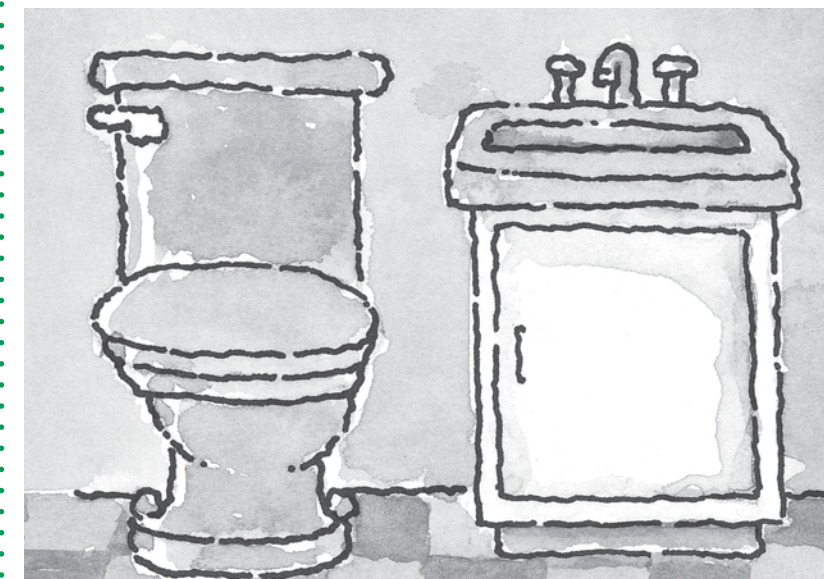
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## Making the most of home renovations

Whether you're looking to do a major remodel or just update a few fixtures, please keep water conservation in mind when making changes around your home or business.

- added benefit of reducing the amount of water and energy used while showering.
- Low-flow showerheads can be found at any major home renovation or plumbing store and range in price. Ask the fixtures expert or your plumber for advice on what best meets your needs.
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Low-flow showerheads We all enjoy a nice hot shower, especially when we can control the flow of water. In the past, low-flow showerheads were limited on their ability to provide good, even water flow or variation of flow. However, new models have hit the market in recent years that are equal to, if not better than, regular showerheads. And, you have the





2006 Water Awareness Month poster contest winners from left: Cera DiMartino, Sophie Wells, Sydnie Pedemonte, and Niana Nivens.

## A picture is worth a trillion drops 2006 Water Awareness Month poster contest winners

Fourth graders at Mar Vista Elementary School cleaned house in this year's water conservation poster contest. Of the five winners, four attend Mar Vista Elementary School. The fifth is a student attending Valencia Elementary School.

- Contest winners received trophies, certificates, and savings bonds for their creative water conservation posters.
- The grand-prize winner, Sophie Wells, won for her poster entitled *Flex Your Preservation Power, Take a Shorter*

*Shower*. There was a tie for second place between Niana Mai Nivens for her poster entitled *Water gets tired too, Don't leave it running*, and Sydnie Pedemonte for her poster *Save Me*. Cera DiMartino took third place for her poster *Saving Water Saves Us All*. Elijah Benford won fourth place with the very clever slogan, *You Save Money, So Why Not Water?* Elijah attends Valencia Elementary.

The grand prize winner's teacher, Mrs. Schacher of Mar Vista Elementary, received a \$25 gift certificate to Kaleidoscope, the Parent/Teacher Store.

Poster entries are on display throughout the summer at the District's headquarters office, located at 5180 Soquel Drive. Stop in and be inspired to conserve water.

## New program helps builders "Go Green"

Until an additional water supply source to supplement existing groundwater supplies and meet future needs is developed, two programs are helping to stretch current supplies by reducing the amount of water demand even as development continues.

Since 2003, the District's *Water Demand Offset Program* has required builders in the District's service area to replace older, inefficient water-using fixtures in existing development with new, efficient fixtures to create water savings equal to 120 percent of the expected use for their projects. The District's newest *Green Credit for New Development Program* lets builders choose to use high efficiency water fixtures in new construction that go beyond current efficiency standards.

By choosing to do this, builders can receive "Green Credits" for the amount of water those fixtures save compared to standard fixtures.

For example, high efficiency and dual flush toilets use from 1 to 1.2 gallons per flush compared to standard 1.6 gallon per flush toilets. With recent advances in fixture design and materials, high efficiency toilets deliver impressive water savings without sacrificing performance.

Water needs can be further reduced by using more efficient showerheads, faucet aerators, and appliances such as front-loading clothes washers. "Smart" irrigation timers that adjust for weather changes can also be used to earn "Green" credits.

The benefits of "Green" water use are:

- Better use of our limited water resources
- Fewer existing fixtures need to be replaced to meet the Water Demand Offset requirements
- Lower ongoing water and wastewater costs
- Reduced energy use related to water production and wastewater treatment

For information on the *Water Demand Offset and Green Credit for New Development Programs*, contact the District.



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Ultra low-flow toilets

In the past, ultra low-flow toilets have earned a reputation for inefficiency. How can you save water when you have to flush twice? New designs in ultra low-flow toilets allow for efficient use of minimal water to adequately clean the bowl. High efficiency models, such as dual-flush toilets, save even more water and allow you to select the flush volume based on need.

The District offers many fixture rebates and free showerheads, faucet aerators, and positive shut-off nozzles to our customers. Let us help you maximize your home improvement efforts.

## COMING SOON...

A new credit card option is being added to our "Auto Pay" bill paying program. Watch for details with your next water bill.