

## Pollution Prevention: How to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) is committed to pollution prevention to protect the environment for our generation and future generations. As part of this commitment, MVSD works to keep hazardous materials out of the wastewater system, which can be harmful to humans and wildlife.

### Did you know that many seemingly ordinary household items are in fact hazardous waste?

Things you may use every day such as:

- Batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury-containing devices like thermostats and thermometers
- Unwanted pesticides and fertilizers
- Paints and paint-related products
- Pool chemicals
- Household cleaning products
- Automotive waste like used motor oil and antifreeze

To safeguard our waterways, these items must be disposed of properly. These items cannot be disposed of in the garbage can and must never be poured down any sort of drain, including storm drains. They must be dropped off at your local household hazardous waste collection facility.

MVSD and Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) work together to provide hazardous waste disposal for residents and small businesses. In 1997, MVSD and CCCSD collaborated to build a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility in Martinez. In its first 15 years, the facility collected more than 26 million pounds of hazard waste! Residents in the MVSD or CCCSD service areas can dispose of hazardous waste free of charge. Small businesses are charged a small fee to dispose of this type of hazardous waste.

The HHW Collection Facility is located at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez. For more information about this facility, its hours of operation, and what is and is not accepted please visit <http://www.mvsd.org/programs/household-hazardous-waste-collection-facility/>.

**Thank you for making sure your hazardous waste is disposed of properly!**



The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility provides free disposal of hazardous waste for residents in the MVSD service area!

## Meet the Great Blue Heron!

The Great Blue Heron is one of the 116 different bird species that can be spotted in Moorhen or McNabney Marsh. This elegant bird is a long-legged wader that can be seen wandering the marsh looking for small fish to feed on. They can grow up to 4.5 feet tall with a wingspan up to 6.5 feet!

This bird is a special symbol for MVSD and is prominently featured on the District's logo. The Great Blue Heron had once virtually vanished from the marshes. However, with the District's restoration efforts in the marshes, this bird species has returned and thrives!



Stop by MVSD's McNabney Marsh Bird Observation Platform and you might just spot one for yourself! For more information, visit <http://www.mvsd.org/programs/bird-observation-platform/>.

## Meet Beverli Marshall—MVSD's Newest Board Member!

MVSD is pleased to announce that Beverli Marshall has been appointed to the MVSD Board of Directors. The vacancy was created in March of 2014 when Board Member Randy Williams retired. Per the California Government Code Section 1780, when a vacancy is created in the middle of a term, applications are accepted to fill the position. The District's Board of Directors reviewed the numerous applications submitted and selected Ms. Marshall from a pool of very qualified candidates. Ms. Marshall will fill the remainder of Mr. Williams' term, which expires in December of 2014. This board seat, as well as two others, will be up for re-election in November of 2014.

Director Marshall works for West County Wastewater District where she is the Business Services Manager. Between now and the November election, Marshall expects to learn more about MVSD's history and about the present-day operations and treatment methods. She hopes to compare the differences between MVSD and West County Wastewater District. Ultimately, she plans to apply the knowledge that she uses in her current job to help MVSD continue to continue to make wise business and financial decisions.

As a mother of two, Board Member Marshall and her family love the Martinez area. Through her service on the Board, she hopes to give back to the community. She was raised with the strong notion of having a community and the importance of giving back.

Board Member Marshall has worked in the public sector since 1996. She began her career working in public housing in Alaska. She moved to California with her husband where she worked for the San Francisco Housing Authority as the Director of Public Housing. She has also worked for the City of Berkeley, and the City of Orinda. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

Congratulations to Ms. Marshall! MVSD is pleased to have her as a Member of the Board!

The MVSD Board of Directors wishes to thank all of the residents who applied for the vacancy.

## MVSD Congratulates Mike Roe on His Retirement

Congratulations to MVSD District Manager Mike Roe, who will retire on June 30, 2014. Mike has been with the District since 2008 when he was hired as the Assistant District Manager. One year later, he became the District Manager. Prior to working with MVSD, Mike worked for the Southern California cities of San Diego and San Bernardino.

What Mike will miss most about MVSD is working with the staff. "It's been a pleasure working with the group here. Collectively, they are the most competent group I've ever worked with. Everyone wears multiple hats and works well as a team to produce extraordinary results," Mike said. Mike feels the District is in a stable and sustainable position for the future, both financially and staffing wise.

Mike expressed his appreciation for the MVSD Board of Directors and their support over the years. "The board members are very committed public servants and it has been a pleasure to work with them," Mike said. He also thanks District Counsel Dan Adams and District Engineer Randy Leptien. "They were very helpful in helping transition into my roll with MVSD and to learn how the district functions—their assistance was invaluable."

After retiring, Mike is looking forward to beginning the next phase of his life. He and his wife will be moving to Temecula. They have also

recently purchased a motor home and are looking forward to some traveling. They hope to crisscross the United States and Canada, visiting National Parks along the way. Additionally, Mike looks forward to reconnecting with family and completing some projects around the house.

Mike's role as District Manager will be fulfilled by Neal Allen, who is currently the District's Assistant Manager. "The District is very fortunate to have someone of his caliber to take over. He has been an enormous help during the time I've been here," Mike said.

Thank you Mike, for your service to MVSD and good luck in retirement!



District Manager Mike Roe will retire on June 30, 2014 and is looking forward to spending more time enjoying his motorcycle!



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## John Muir Day

On April 26, 2014, MVSD attended the 36th annual John Muir Birthday-Earth Day Celebration. The John Muir Association hosted the event at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez. District Biologist Kelly Davidson and District Operators Robert Martin, Mark Gonzalez, and Jesus Diaz manned the MVSD booth at the event which is held annually by the John Muir Association at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez.

At the MVSD booth, staff provided informational materials and had a fun craft activity where children could make a pond turtle using paper plates and construction paper. The activity proved extremely popular and 137 turtles were made by youngsters and the young at heart during the six hour event!

This event honors John Muir's legacy and awards individuals and organizations for their conservation efforts. This annual event is a great reminder of the importance of preserving the environment for humans and wildlife alike. For more information on this annual Earth Day event, please visit [www.johnmuirassociation.org](http://www.johnmuirassociation.org).

## Did You Know?

MVSD serves approximately 19,000 residents by treating an average daily flow of 1.25 million gallons of wastewater per day!



Children make their own pond turtles at the MVSD booth during the John Muir Birthday-Earth Day Celebration.



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