

**MARINA BAY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR August 13, 2008 MEETING**

The August 13, 2008 meeting of the MBNC was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Barbara Norrish. These officers were in attendance: Diane Hedler, Vice President and Temporary Secretary, Pat Kieley, Treasurer and Virginia Finlay, Immediate Past President. Barbara called for self-introductions of everyone present.

- 1. Beat Officers Report:** Officer Campos reported there were 17 calls for miscellaneous nonviolent issues and complaints. There have also been traffic enforcement stops. A resident reported that on Bayside Court copper wire had been pulled. This continues to be an issue. Call the police from your home if any stripping is observed or if there is suspicious activity. From a land line call 911 and from a cell phone call 233.1214 and press "0".
- 2. Hampton Court Presentation:** This presentation will be scheduled at a future date.
- 3. East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD):** Lesa McInstosh, President of the EBMUD Board of Directors and a resident of Marina Bay, provided an update on EBMUD's current water shortage and why there is mandatory rationing. The lack of rainfall during the last two years has resulted in a water shortage. April 2008 was the driest in history. EBMUD's water supply comes from the Sierra Mountains and is stored in various reservoirs. To ease the shortage EBMUD will have a supplemental supply from the American River available in 2009. Ms. McInstosh said that everyone needs to revisit how they use water. Mike Hazinski, EBMUD supervisor of Water Conservation described the restrictions and what can be done to conserve water. Single family residents must cut water use by 19%, multi-family residential must cut water use by 11%, and irrigation use must be cut by 30%. Commercial, institutional and industrial cuts vary from 5-12%. The following is prohibited: 1) using water for decorative ponds, lakes and fountains except those that use recycled water; 2) washing vehicles with hoses that do not contain shutoff nozzles; 3) washing sidewalks, patios and similar hard surfaces; 4) irrigating outdoors on consecutive days or more than three days a week; 5) lawn or garden watering that results in excessive runoff; 6) sewer and hydrant flushing and washing streets with potable water supplied by EBMUD except for essential purposes; and 6) use of potable water for construction, soil compaction and dust control when another source is available. Fines, water flow restrictions or loss of water service are possible results of violation of these rules. Handouts of how to save water used in irrigation systems as well as water smart residential and commercial program savings tips were distributed. Toilets are one of the main users of water and everyone should check for leaks and replace with low flush toilets. Residents received "Goody Bags" of water saving tips. Anyone can call EBMUD at

1.866.40.EBMUD or go to [www.EBMUD.com](http://www.EBMUD.com) for tips on saving water and rebates on water saving toilets, appliances and irrigation systems. Smart planting tips are also available.

- 4. Parents, Resources, and More (PRAM):** PRAM is a nonprofit in Pt. Richmond that has been supporting families for eight years. PRAM will be having a fund raiser and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Vincent Park on September 13, 2008. PRAM is dedicated to making Richmond a nurturing place for families and their young children. To support or join PRAM contact them at PRAM.net.
- 5. MBNC Secretary:** A volunteer is still needed for secretary of the MBNC.
- 6. Announcements:** 1) Coastal Clean-Up is September 20, 2008. Meet in Shimada Park. 2) If you aren't registered to vote, please do so.

The next meeting of the Marina Bay Neighborhood Council will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 and a presentation on the School Bond issue is on the agenda. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.