

with ultra-low flush models. In 2002, about 1,721 properties transferred title within the District and staff inspected 950 of them for compliance with retrofit rules. The District estimates that about 31 AF of water were saved through the replacement of about 1,205 toilets under this program in 2002.

### **Water Credit Transfer Rules Deleted**

Ordinance No. 102, adopted by the Board in February 2002, eliminated water credit transfers. The ordinance provides for transfer applications which were completed by December 31, 2002 to be processed under the old rule. One application was completed by this deadline.

### **Bathroom Ordinance Requires Deed Restrictions to Protect Community Water Usage**

Ordinance No. 98, also known as "the second bathroom ordinance," allows a single-family dwelling on a single-family residential site to add a second full bathroom or make an existing half bath into a full bathroom, without debiting the jurisdiction's allocation of water. The ordinance requires two deed restrictions: (1) to provide public access to water use data for a period of five years before and after the permit is issued; and (2) to give notice to future property owners that no credit is available for fixtures added pursuant to this ordinance. District staff is responsible for reviewing and recording these documents. Since the ordinance was adopted in April 2001, permit processing times have increased from 2-3 weeks to 4-6 weeks when a deed restriction is required. In 2002, the District prepared and recorded 695 documents on property titles.



A drought-tolerant garden, such as this one fronting an old Pacific Grove apartment, has besides its beauty many advantages, among which are using little water and demanding minimum maintenance.



A cistern system at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art's La Miranda Adobe collects rainwater for later use in maintaining its gardens. The cistern's tanks are well camouflaged by foliage.

