



125 Years of Service

Ross Valley Sanitary District

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

April 2025



Staff at work along the scenic Larkspur Ferry Terminal waterfront

As we close out the month of April, our crews remain dedicated to supporting both our infrastructure and our community through focused maintenance, collaboration, and proactive inspections. From providing mutual aid to a local school district, to swiftly addressing high-risk pipe defects and preventing rodent damage at critical facilities, these efforts highlight our commitment to maintaining a strong, resilient infrastructure that serves the community and keeps the RVSD system running efficiently.

Our headquarters are located at 1111 Andersen Drive in San Rafael. Our regular public lobby office hours are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon and 1p.m. to 4 p.m. Our dedicated staff are here to assist you via phone, email or in person.

We are available for emergency calls 24/7. If you see a public sewer emergency such as a manhole overflow, leaking pipe, or sewage on the ground, **please call the RVSD Emergency Line at 415-259-2949** as soon as possible. Every minute counts to help avoid a public health or environmental hazard. Thank you!

Accomplishments

RVSD Assists Marin Primary & Middle School with Sewer Blockage

This month our line maintenance crew provided mutual aid at the request of the Larkspur Corte Madera School District (LCMSD) to address recurring sewer blockage issues at Marin Primary & Middle School.

A private contractor had previously attempted to clear the blockage, but the issue persisted. RVSD staff collaborated with LCMSD and school personnel to assess and resolve the situation. Using CCTV equipment, our team identified multiple defects in the lateral, including a missing section of pipe. The crew hydro-jetted the line to clear the blockage and provided LCMSD with detailed feedback for the necessary repairs.

While onsite, staff repaired a District manhole and discovered deficiencies that were allowing dirt to enter the public sewer system, likely due to rodent activity causing large holes around the area. The repairs to the system, by sealing it off, will help reduce rodent activity at the school.

This collaborative effort underscores the District's ongoing commitment to supporting local institutions while protecting the integrity of the public sewer system.



Marin Primary & Middle School's beautiful playground

Critical Defect Resolved in San Anselmo

During a routine condition assessment, staff discovered a Grade 5 void—the most severe defect classification—in a pipe segment on Jordan Avenue in the Sequoia Park area of San Anselmo. The void was actively allowing inflow and infiltration (I&I), along with surrounding soil, into the system, posing a significant risk of system failure and a potential spill.

The condition assessment crew immediately notified the line repair supervisor and flagged the issue through the District's Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS), prompting a high-priority repair order. The defect was successfully repaired, eliminating the risk and ensuring continued compliance with system performance standards.



Grade 5 defect showing a visible hole in pipe

A Warm Welcome Denied: Keeping Rodents Out of Critical Infrastructure

Pump station crew staff discovered evidence of rodent intrusion in the generator at Pump Station 14 in Larkspur. This type of intrusion is common during colder months, as station generators are equipped with built-in heating elements to maintain optimal temperature for engine startup. The warmth often attracts rodents, which can cause significant damage by chewing wires and nesting in the equipment.

Staff quickly identified the access points and sealed them with wire mesh to prevent future entry. These proactive measures help protect the integrity of critical infrastructure and reduce the risk of generator failure during power outages or emergencies.



Pump Station 14 generator, installed in 2023

Education and Information

Connecting with the Community at Touch-a-Truck Event

RVSD will participate in the upcoming Touch-a-Truck event benefit for the new Larkspur Library. The event will take place at the Redwood High School East Parking lot on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Our team will showcase equipment and educate the community about the importance of sewer infrastructure maintenance.

We're excited for another great opportunity to connect with the public and share the vital work we do each day. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the event's website by clicking [here](#).



Touch-a-Truck Event Poster

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Updates

FY 24/25 Gravity Sewer Improvements Project

The contract for the FY 24/25 Gravity Sewer Improvements Project was awarded to Glosage Engineering, Inc. for a total of \$6,137,410. Construction is now underway in San Anselmo near its border with Fairfax.

This project will replace approximately 2.8 miles (14,042 linear feet) of aging gravity sewer pipelines in San Anselmo, Fairfax, and Kentfield. Work will involve open-cut removal, pipe bursting, and reaming, as well as the installation of new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe and 33 sewer manholes. The project is expected to improve sewer infrastructure and address critical maintenance needs in high-risk areas, reducing infiltration and inflow (I&I) of groundwater and storm water into the system. Notably, the awarded bid came in 26% below the engineer's estimate, making it a cost-effective solution for our community.

Visit the project [webpage](#) for more information and updates.



Open trench excavation for pipe installation

Lift Stations 20, 31 & 32 Improvements

Work continues on underground utilities at LS20. We expect to wrap up work at LS31 and LS32 within the next two months.

LS31 and LS32 are on Riviera Circle at Via La Brisa and Corte Del Bayo, respectively, in the Larkspur Marina neighborhood. LS20 is in Larkspur Landing next to East Sir Francis Drake Blvd, and near the northbound 101 on-ramp.

The project will convert the lift stations to submersible pump configurations, saving maintenance and energy costs. The project also includes rehabilitating the two small force mains for the LS31 and LS32 lift stations (completed), new electrical control panels, communications equipment, and flow meters will improve the reliability of the lift stations and allow for faster response times to issues at each station.

Visit the project [webpage](#) for more information and updates.



Pump Station 20

Please remember, if you see a public sewer emergency such as a manhole overflow, leaking pipe, or sewage on the ground, **please call the RVSD Emergency Line 24/7 at 415-259-2949 as soon as possible**. When making an emergency call, be prepared to provide your name, phone number, and address where the incident occurs. After-hours calls will route to our on-call staff for immediate assistance.

Sincerely,

Steve Moore, General Manager

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RVSD is on Nextdoor. Subscribe to our page [here](#) as one of the ways you can find out if there will be construction in your neighborhood.

We are also on LinkedIn! Follow our page [here](#) to stay up to date on current job announcements and other news about the District.

Public Meetings

The Ross Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors conducts monthly public meetings. The public is invited to attend these in-person meetings, held at our new Board Assembly Room:

Ross Valley Sanitary District
1111 Andersen Drive
San Rafael, 94901

The public can also attend the meeting remotely from a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Ross Valley Sanitary District Board Meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. For more information, please click [here](#) or contact the District's Board Clerk at 415-259-2949 or [clerk@rvsd.org](#).

The next RVSD Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Meeting Access

Agenda Posting

Want an alert when the next Board Meeting agenda is available?
Please write to our [Clerk of the Board](#) to request upcoming agenda alerts.

Sewer FAQs

Review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that explain sewer overflows, what to do if you see one, and other commonly asked questions about the sewer system.

Review FAQs

Before Hiring a Plumbing Contractor

Check the California Department of Consumer Affairs Contractors State License Board (CSLB) for more information. Make sure any plumber you hire is familiar with District policies and programs for any private property sewer emergency.

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