

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin January 2022

Ross Valley Sanitary District (the District) provides this monthly news bulletin to stay connected to the community we serve. We welcome your feedback on any information in the bulletin. If at any time you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please select "Unsubscribe" at the bottom of this message. Visit us online at www.RVSD.org for more information.



We hope the new year is starting off well for everyone, and we are pleased to announce that we have repaired all 605 major pipe defects identified in our [2013 Cease and Desist Order](#) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

On January 24, 2022, we installed a new High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic sewer in an unstable hillside underneath mature oak trees downslope from a swimming pool on private property. This difficult work replaced a cracked clay pipe and rod hole (see photo). The 45 "to-do" list of repairs that needed to be finished this past year were the most difficult to access and construct. This project is now finished but overall was very challenging and held a number of surprises. Many thanks to our repair crew and engineering department, numerous property owners, and the hard-working contractors that helped the District achieve this milestone of compliance!

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 leaving 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.

As always, RVSD administrative staff and field crew remain dedicated to ensuring the essential daily operation and maintenance of approximately 200 miles of collection sewer lines and 19 pumping stations.

2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Planning Update

At the start of the new year, we are wrapping up some major CIP projects (see photo) and starting to plan and design future projects. The planning includes improvements to Lift Station 20 off E Sir Francis Drake Blvd, across from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. The design plan for this project calls for electrical upgrades and installing a new wet well.

We are also in design for the FY 2022/23 Gravity Sewer Improvements Project to replace existing gravity sewer lines



throughout the District service area. Improvements include upsizing a 6-inch sewer line to an 8-inch line to increase system capacity on The Alameda (San Anselmo) where a sanitary sewer overflow occurred last year.

A similar upgrade will occur on South Ridgewood at Woodland (Kent Woodlands) where there was an overflow during the October 24 storm. There will also be upgrades on Deer Hollow (Sleepy Hollow), an easement in Vista Grande (Greenbrae), and an easement that includes a creek crossing in Kent Woodlands. These lines were prioritized in our system-wide risk assessment under our [2021 Infrastructure Asset Management Plan \(IAMP\)](#). Stay tuned for more information as each of these projects develop!



2021-22 CIP Project Progress Report

Butterfield/Arroyo-Kenrick Gravity Sewer Improvements

Project construction (see photo) is complete. Construction costs of \$1.7 million were funded by a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan agreement at an interest rate of 1.1%. These CWSRF loan agreements are competitively funded and this RVSD project was one of only 18 project applications in fiscal year 2020-21 to receive the low-cost financing.

Paving work on Fawn Drive is anticipated to occur in early February. Notice of scheduled paving dates will be provided in advance. Visit the [project webpage](#) for updates and more information as each is available.

FY 2020/21 Gravity Sewer Improvements

Work in Sequoia Park (San Anselmo) continued through January (see photo). The last remaining area of work is a short section on Skyland Way in Ross. Work on this section is anticipated to begin in February. Visit the [project webpage](#) for updates and more information as each is available.

Larkspur Pump Stations 14, 24, & 25 Improvements

Project construction has been delayed until mid-March due to supply chain issues. Visit the [project webpage](#) for updates and more information as each is available.

More information about the District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) can be found on our [CIP project](#) webpage.

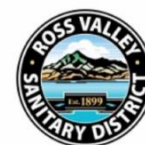


U.S. EPA Approves Larkspur Landing Property for Unrestricted Land Use

Cleanup activities are complete at the Larkspur Landing former treatment plant site, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On December 14, 2021, [EPA approved the cleanup of the Larkspur Landing property for unrestricted land use](#), meaning that the property is suitably clean for all potential land uses with no exceptions.

EPA approval also enables the District to continue with community outreach to help determine future uses of the property. You can view the [District news release announcing EPA clearance](#) here.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



Between now and March 10, 2022, the District invites ratepayers and interested parties to [complete a community survey](#) to provide input on the disposition of this property, should the Board determine that any portion of it is surplus to its operations.

Want future Larkspur Landing Updates? Please send an email to info@rvsd.org and request being added to

our Larkspur Landing interested parties list. You can also visit the [Larkspur Landing web page](#) for more information and updates as each are available.

RVSD Headquarters Consolidation Project

The deadline to receive individual sealed bids for this project by the District was extended to **Wednesday, February 16** and a mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk was held on January 5. Please go to our [Bidding](#) page for more information.

RVSD is on Nextdoor!

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

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RVSD is on LinkedIn!

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

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Important Reminders:

[Review our Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) that explain sewer overflows and what to do if you see one.

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.



Steve Moore, General Manager

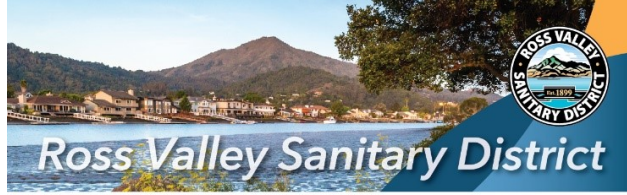


Members of the public are invited to attend RVSD Regular Board Meetings safely and remotely from a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Ross Valley Sanitary District Board Meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. These Board Meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

The next RVSD Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5 p.m. via GoToMeeting. [Click here](#) for updated meeting access information 24 hours before the meeting. [Check the agenda posting here](#) 72 hours before each meeting for open session time.

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



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easement on *your* property?

RVSD has **legal access** to sewers and manholes for maintenance, repair and replacement in both routine and emergency situations.

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