

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin March 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.

Happy Spring! This month the District was busy working on a variety of projects. A few highlights include awarding the construction contract for the RVSD Headquarters Consolidation Project, sending an outreach letter to plumbing and sewer contractors on sewer spill prevention, and starting the work for the Larkspur Pump Stations Improvements Project.

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.



Larkspur Landing

A special meeting of the Board will be held virtually on March 30 at 4 p.m. to receive the results of the Larkspur Landing online survey. Please visit the Larkspur Landing webpage for meeting access information.

Cleanup activities are complete at the Larkspur Landing former treatment plant site (see photo) as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In December 2021, <u>EPA approved the cleanup of the Larkspur Landing property for unrestricted land use</u>, meaning that the property is suitably clean for all potential land uses with no exceptions. You can view the <u>District news release announcing EPA clearance</u> here. EPA approval enables the District to continue with community outreach to help determine future uses of the property.

Visit the <u>Larkspur Landing web page</u> for more information. Want future Larkspur Landing Updates? Please send an email to <u>info@rvsd.org</u> and request being added to our Larkspur Landing interested parties list.

RVSD Headquarters Consolidation Project

A special board meeting was held on March 2 to

award the 1111 Andersen Drive (see photo) Improvements Project construction contract to Kirby Construction Inc. from Santa Rosa. Work on the project is anticipated to begin in April with construction scheduled to occur over a six-month timeline. Watch for more updates as they become available.





Plumbing and Sewer Contractors - You can prevent sewer spills!

The District has recorded an increase in construction debris related sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) in our service area. We need contractors help in accomplishing our mission to protect public health and safety. Even a small amount of debris can create a backup in our four- and sixinch sewer mains when installing new private laterals. This has led to sewer backups in streets, buildings, and on private property which results in claims and possible fines for the District.

Plumbing and sewer contractors, please call us if you believe construction debris or any tools have entered District infrastructure. The District will send our staff and equipment to inspect and clean the line free of charge. Please check your work area as a common practice to ensure no debris is left in the sewer line before you backfill. Together we can prevent these occurrences from becoming problems down the line.

Lateral Replacement Grant and Loan Program Funding

Funding is still available for the District's Lateral Replacement Grant and Loan Programs. The District provides individual grants up to \$1,500 and low-interest loans up \$25,000 to replace your private sewer lateral. If you have questions about the program, feel free to contact RVSD Administrative Staff at 415-259-2949 or email info@rvsd.org.



2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Update

Planning work continues for upcoming Capital Improvement Program projects which include improvements to Lift Station 20 off E Sir Francis Drake Blvd (across from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal) as well as the FY 2022/23 Gravity Sewer Improvements Project to replace existing gravity sewer lines throughout the District service area.



2021-22 Capital Improvement Program Progress Updates Butterfield/Arroyo-Kenrick Gravity Sewer Improvements: Work on this project was completed in March Visit our Recently Completed Projects web page for more information.

FY 2020/21 Gravity Sewer Improvements: Project work is nearly complete. In March, the contactor finished work on Skyland in Ross, performed repair work at Marin Country Mart in Larkspur (see photo), and is finishing work in Sequoia Park, San Anselmo. This project is expected to be complete in April. Visit the project webpage for more information.

Larkspur Pump Stations 14, 24, & 25 Improvements: Project construction began the week of March 14 and is expected to be complete in October. The first part of the work plan is to perform electrical upgrades to PS 14, which is located next to Hall Middle School. Visit the <u>project webpage</u> for updates and more information as it becomes available.

Please check this page regularly for updates.

To learn more about the District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) visit ourCIP project webpage.

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.



RVSD is on Linkedin!

Follow our Linkedin page here to stay up to date on current job announcements and other news about the District.



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, April 20, 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.

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