

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin May 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.

May has come and gone quickly as the District continues to work on a variety of projects. This month the bulletin covers the question "Why is there a giant crane at the Landing?" and features some of the work RVSD staff are accomplishing to ensure we are providing our customers with high quality wastewater collection service.

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.



PG&E Transmission Tower Replacement Project

What is that giant crane doing on RVSD's Larkspur Landing property? The crane belongs to a contractor working for PG&E and was assembled on site (photo left). PG&E is replacing the transmission line tower located on a small hill above the property to the east, adjacent to E. Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. RVSD issued PG&E a temporary construction easement for this project in April. Work is expected to be complete in mid-July.

So far, the crane has been used to pour concrete foundations for the replacement tower, which is being constructed next to the existing one. The contractor is using heavy duty MegaDeck composite mats and large timber mats (photo right) to minimize any impacts to soil underlying the site from the vehicles and materials used in the large-scale project. Stacks of timber mats in the photo located under the smokestack are used to support the crane.





The crane assembly also includes extra truss pieces that are installed as needed to extend its reach (photo left).

Photoionization Odor Scrubber at Pump Station 12 (Bon Air)

Staff replaced the ultraviolet lights within the Photoionization Odor Scrubber at PS 12 (photo right), located in the Bon Air shopping center next to the Chevron station on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. This Odor Scrubber was placed in service in June 2018 as part of the major pump station renovation. The unit uses ultraviolet light along with activated carbon to sanitize foul air before it is discharged into the atmosphere, mitigating odors around PS 12. As a result of this upgrade, odors are no longer detectable when standing next to the station, a major change from before. These lamps last about four years and are dependable for odor mitigation.



This technology is new, with our installation being the very first for a sanitary agency in California. It was originally installed at PS 12 because of space limitations for a traditional activated carbon-only unit. Due to its effectiveness and ease of maintenance, another Photoionization Odor Scrubber is being installed in PS 14 (Larkspur) next to Hall Middle School. This project is currently under construction as part of the [Larkspur PS 14, 24, & 25 Improvements Project](#).



Condition Assessment Van Retrofit

This month, a CCTV van used by the Condition Assessment Crew was retrofitted at the authorized dealer to be more ergonomic. The upgrades include a desk extension for the laptop that staff use to check work orders and operate the camera equipment. It also includes a new storage solution for the push camera using a no lift/no stoop approach. Additionally, the suspension was upgraded to improve the balance of the vehicle, resulting in a safer ride.

2021-22 Capital Improvement Progress Report Updates

FY 2020/21 Gravity Sewer Improvements:

All contract work is complete. Additional work will take place in June on Woodland Road near Evergreen Drive in Kentfield. This additional work will address some excessive groundwater infiltration observed when new sewers were installed upstream on Laurel Way and increase capacity to prevent overflows in wet weather. Visit the [project webpage](#) for updates and more information as it becomes available.

Larkspur Pump Stations 14, 24, & 25 Improvements:

Construction is underway at PS 14. Current work includes construction of a new equipment pad for the relocation of the diesel fuel tank that holds fuel for the generator. Structural steel is expected to be installed in the coming weeks for the new entry landing into the wet well stairway. Visit the [project webpage](#) for updates and more information.



More information about the District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) can be found on our [CIP project webpage](#). You can also visit our [Recently Completed Projects](#) web page for more information about completed projects to date.

Larkspur Landing Update

At the special meeting of the Board on March 30,



the Board decided to postpone action on the property pending decisions by the City of Larkspur on its General Plan and Housing Element.

[Visit the Larkspur Landing web page](#) to view the recent community survey results and learn more. Want future Larkspur Landing Updates? Send an email to info@rvsd.org and request being added to our Larkspur Landing interested parties list.

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Important Reminders:

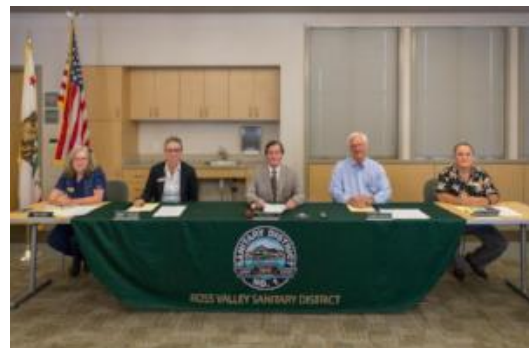
[Review our Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) that explain sewer overflows and what to do if you see one.

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

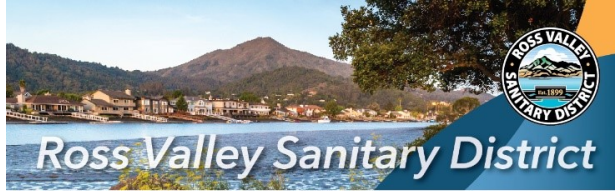
Members of the public are invited to attend RVSD Regular Board Meetings safely and remotely from a computer, tablet or smartphone.

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, June 15, 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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RVSD has **legal access** to sewers and manholes for maintenance, repair and replacement in both routine and emergency situations.

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