

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

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Ross Valley Sanitary District provides this monthly news bulletin of current notable activity and events to stay connected to the community we serve. We welcome your feedback on any information in the bulletin, and if at any time you no longer prefer to receive this information, simply unsubscribe using the link below.

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As we head into spring, we remain focused on our core mission of protecting public health and the environment. The public is understandably concerned about the coronavirus. We track the latest science and technical information provided by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) for any potential impact to our community.

While it has been a relatively dry winter as of late, we have had only one sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) of 40 gallons on a hillside that did not reach surface waters. We are on the verge of having three certified "no-spill months" out of four, making this the fewest SSOs we have recorded in any wet season so far!

We are pleased to learn our <u>Flushable Wipes</u> <u>Aren't Flushable</u> video has been selected as the California Water Environment Association



(CWEA) 2020 second place winner for Community Engagement and Outreach. RVSD worked with Goldstreet Designs last year to develop this and several other videos for television and our website (via YouTube). The video was featured in our three-month Cable TV campaign that ended this month.



The campaign was co-sponsored by Central Marin Sanitation Agency, San Rafael Sanitation District, Sanitary District No. 2 (Corte Madera), Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and Novato Sanitary District to send a unified message to Marin County residents and businesses to partner with us to prevent sewer overflows and protect the

environment.

More information about wipes can be found at the <u>California Association of Sanitation Agencies</u> (CASA) website.

In addition to our "flushable" wipes video, <u>click here</u> for more information about how to also properly dispose of expired and/or unused medications, Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG), and more!



RVSD also won "Small Collection System Agency of the Year" for the Redwood Empire Section of CWEA, which includes the Counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Lake and Mendocino. Many years of hard work by our staff have culminated in this prestigious award, which according to CWEA is "given in recognition of outstanding maintenance programs, regulatory compliance and safety and training procedures."

Steve Moore, General Manager

Important Reminders

<u>Click here</u> to review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that explain sewer overflows and what to do.

If you see or experience a public sewer emergency, call the RVSD Emergency Line 24/7 at 415-259-2949. Common reasons to call include a manhole overflow, leaking pipe, odors or visible sewage on the ground. Our emergency crews are available 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day, seven days per week!

Before you hire a plumbing contractor, <u>click here</u> to 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.

All of this information can be viewed online <u>here</u> or by clicking "EMERGENCY" on our website <u>homepage</u>.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
Construction Updates - Upcoming projects
are being planned and going out to bid and
recently completed projects throughout our
service area are listed below.

All of these sewer line repair and rehabilitation projects help protect public health and the environment by reducing the risk of sewer overflows.



1. Fairfax, Larkspur, San Anselmo Sewer Projects

- 2. Kentfield Pump Station 15 Improvements
- 3. Lower Shady Lane / Poplar Avenue Sewer Improvements
- 4. San Anselmo Sewer Improvements Butterfield

<u>Click here</u> for details on upcoming work in your neighborhood or streets of interest, or to view more information about recently completed projects listed above. Visit our <u>Capital Improvement Program</u> (CIP) web page for the latest project information and updates.

Want to receive timely construction updates? <u>Click here</u> to select the project you want updates for or call us at 415-259-2949.

RVSD appreciates your patience during construction as we fulfill our commitment to making strategic long-term infrastructure improvements.



Next Board Meeting: Ross Valley Sanitary District Board Meetings are typically held the third Wednesday of each month at 5pm at the Central Marin Police Authority's Community Room, located at 250 Doherty Drive in Larkspur.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 5 p.m. in Larkspur.

Check the agenda posting here 72 hours before each meeting for open session time.

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