

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

January 2020

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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We begin 2020 and the new decade with a look back at the many accomplishments made during 2019 - and a look ahead. We ended the year on a high note with two no-spill months during wet weather, and have had only one minor hillside spill in January, which did not reach surface waters and was quickly cleaned up.



2019 Construction in Ross

The busy construction season of 2019 has concluded, with significant trunk sewer upgrades completed in Ross and San Anselmo, and major pump station upgrades completed in Larkspur and Kentfield. The gravity sewer project that addressed many segments of the system throughout Fairfax, Larkspur and San Anselmo is complete and replaced over nine (9) miles of sewer and connected lower laterals. These projects helped us meet challenging regulatory requirements and catch up to where the District needs to be in its capital improvement program.

In addition, the cleanup of PCBs from soil on the former wastewater treatment plant at [Larkspur Landing](#) is mostly complete, with some technically challenging work set aside for completion in the upcoming dry season, located near the retaining wall and wetlands on-site.



Larkspur Landing

Looking ahead towards summer 2020, we have two projects planned for construction. We are designing a sewer capacity upgrade on Laurel Grove Avenue in Kentfield that will prevent sanitary sewer overflows and meet one of the last project requirements in the 2013 Cease and Desist Order from the Regional Water Board. We are opening bids on January 31 for a [Force Main project](#) to replace eight (8) valves that allow air and gas venting as well as the ability to isolate sections of the pressurized sewers for repair and maintenance. These valves are located in vaults in various locations in Larkspur near Piper Park, Drake's Landing, Bon Air shopping center, and Highway 101.

Statewide Collaboration

I recently joined other California Sanitation Agency leaders to moderate a session at the annual California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) 2020 Winter Conference, where protecting and shaping our clean water future was the key focus of presentations and discussion among attendees.



RVSD Board Members and General Manager Steve Moore (pictured moderating a session above), joined other Sanitary Agency leaders at the CASA 2020 Winter Conference in late January

Our panel discussed financial and technical solutions for small- and medium-sized agencies. A small agency is defined as having less than 100 miles of sewer mains. We have 200 miles and are considered a medium-sized sanitation agency.

Steve Moore, General Manager

Important Reminders - Please share with your family, friends and neighbors!



Remember - Please DON'T flush wipes!

[Click here](#) for more information about how to properly dispose of "flushable" wipes; Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG); expired and/or unused medications, and more!

[Click here](#) 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!

If you experience an overflow in your home or have a similar problem, please visit our website before you hire a plumbing contractor. [Click here](#) 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 [here](#) or by clicking "EMERGENCY" on our website [homepage](#).

Construction Updates - A number of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) construction projects throughout the RVSD service area have wrapped up and [upcoming projects are being planned and out to bid](#). These repair and rehabilitation projects on underground sewer pipes and associated structures are critical to protect public health and the environment by reducing the risk of sewer overflows.

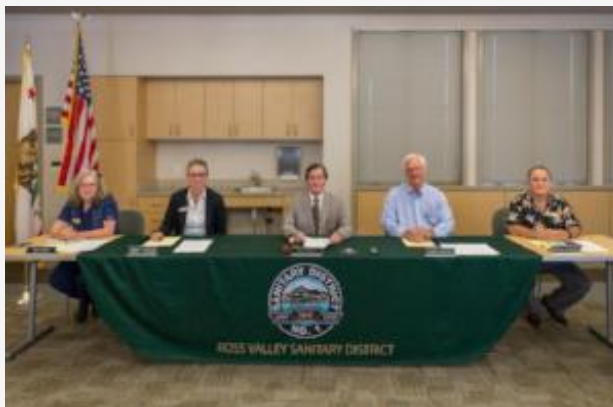
[Click here](#) for details on upcoming work in your neighborhood or streets of interest, or to view more information about recently completed projects listed below. Visit our [Capital Improvement Program](#) (CIP) web page for the latest project information and updates.



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](#)

Want to receive timely construction updates? [Click here](#) 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, Feb 12, 2020, at 5pm in Larkspur.

Note: This meeting is being held one week early due to President's Day holiday and Marin schools Ski Week). [Check the agenda posting here](#) 72 hours before each meeting for open session time.

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