

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin July 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.



Summer is in full swing and we hope everyone is enjoying the warmer days. This dry season is an important time of year for the District as we begin to prepare for future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) construction projects. These projects work to rehabilitate underground wastewater pipelines, enhancing the greater Ross Valley's local wastewater system reliability and efficiency.

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 making 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.

Permit and Capacity Charges for Fiscal Year 22/23

Each year in July, our permit fees and capacity charges increase according to the annual Engineering News-Record (ENR) Index for construction costs. The [new fee schedule](#) is posted online and went into effect on July 1. New permit applications received on or after July 1 are subject to the new fee schedule.

Lateral Replacement Grant Program

Is your lateral compliant with the [District Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance](#)? Did you know that this ordinance is triggered if you are buying or selling a property, remodeling in excess of \$75,000 or adding a bathroom? Summer is a great time of year to get this repair/replacement work completed!

You may also qualify for direct deposit grant funding through our [Lateral Replacement Grant Program](#). The newly updated grant application can be found [here](#). Questions? [Our Staff](#) are here to help!



Lost and Found Manholes in Memorial Park

Staff worked with the Town of San Anselmo to locate and expose two buried manholes in San Anselmo's Memorial



Park. These two manholes are currently buried within the baseball field of the park. For many years, the District has been unable to locate or clean the 10-inch pipe in this area. As a result, this pipe segment is full of debris and tree roots, and needs sewer maintenance attention.

Staff coordinated with the Town's Public Works Department to come up with a creative solution to this issue. The plan is to raise the manholes during an upcoming park rehabilitation project planned for Fall 2022. When not being actively serviced, the newly raised manholes will be covered with artificial turf. Before this work begins, District staff will locate and dig up the

manholes for cleaning to ensure the pipes are clear before the rainy season begins. Great interagency teamwork!

New Backwater Prevention Devices Webpage

This month we launched a new [Backwater Prevention Devices \(BPD\) web page](#) to provide general information to our customers on what a BPD is, why you need it, and how to maintain it. Contact [District Administrative Staff](#) if you have questions regarding BPD installation and maintenance.



2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Planning Update

Upcoming projects include a segment of the FY 2022/23 Gravity Sewer Improvements Project called the Woodland Road Capacity Project to lower the sewer main out of the creek bed in several locations, improving habitat and better protecting aquatic resources.

In addition, the Board recently approved the rehabilitation of Lift Stations 31 and 32, located along Riviera Circle, to the existing design contract for Lift Station 20, which is located on East Sir Francis Drake Blvd at the Highway 101 northbound onramp. Rehabilitation of these lift stations will improve system reliability in pumping wastewater to the Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) wastewater treatment plant.

FY 2020/21 Gravity Sewer Improvements: All contract work is complete. The Board approved additional work to occur on Woodland Road near Evergreen Drive in Kentfield to address excessive groundwater infiltration observed when new sewers were installed upstream on Laurel Way. These improvements will also increase capacity to prevent overflows in wet weather. Work is currently scheduled for completion in August. Visit the [project webpage](#) for updates and more information as it becomes available.



Larkspur Pump Stations 14, 24, & 25 Improvements:

Construction is underway at pump station (PS) 14, which is located adjacent to Hall Middle School in Larkspur. A new photoionization odor control unit has been installed and is fully operational. The odor control unit will improve local air quality and reduce nuisance odors.

The contractor is also working on improvements to the wet well and preparing to install a new backup generator. Once construction is complete at PS 14, work will commence at PS 24 & 25. 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 to view the completed projects to date.

Larkspur Landing Update

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



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



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

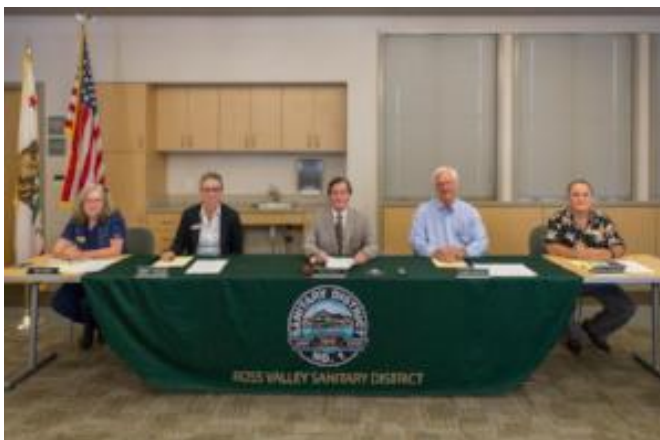
Important Reminders:

[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.

Sincerely,

Steve Moore, General Manager



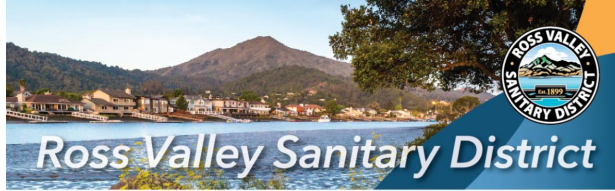
Members of the public are invited to attend RVSD Regular Board Meetings safely and remotely from a computer, tablet or smartphone.

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, August 17, 2022 at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

[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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