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Ross Valley Sanitary District

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

DATE: October 16, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

TYPE: Regular Meeting

LOCATION:

Central Marin Police Authority
260 Doherty Drive
Larkspur, CA 94939

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DATE: October 23, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

TYPE: Regular Meeting

LOCATION:

Central Marin Police Authority
260 Doherty Drive
Larkspur, CA 94939

UPCOMING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

DATE: October 14, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

TYPE: Regular Meeting

LOCATION:

District Office
2960 Kerner Blvd.
San Rafael, CA 94901

District Submits Infrastructure Asset Management Plan to San Francisco Water Board

The District has submitted its Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (IAMP) to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, satisfying a requirement of the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued by the Water Board in May 2013. The District believes that the IAMP meets the requirements of the CDO and looks forward to the Water Board's response.

The IAMP utilizes the principles of Asset Management, a utility industry best-practice, to identify and prioritize needed improvements to the

community's wastewater conveyance system. A key objective of the Asset Management approach is to optimize the allocation of limited capital improvement funds, based on meeting specific Level of Service objectives and reducing the risks of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

Next steps for the District include the development of a draft Financial Plan. The Financial Plan will incorporate the IAMP's capital projects' costs, together with the District's other primary costs such

as Operations and Maintenance and CMSA wastewater treatment charges, to determine the District's future revenue requirements. The Financial Plan will assist in meeting a pending requirement of the CDO, for the District to demonstrate to the Water Board by July 2013 that the necessary financial resources are in place to implement the capital projects presented in the IAMP.

Greenbrae Force Main Emergency

On Thursday, September 5, 2013, there was an emergency on the Greenbrae Force Main near the Bon Air Shopping Center at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and US Highway 101 South. While doing exploratory work, a contractor punctured a hole through the top of the force main pipe. The contractor and District staff

were onsite and able to respond immediately, preventing sewage contamination to waterways in the vicinity.

San Rafael Sanitation District (SRSD) responded to the District's request for assistance with equipment and crews and provided vital support in responding to the emergency.

RVSD Receives Financial Reporting Award for 4th Year in a Row

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Ross Valley Sanitary District by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

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CAFR Award *continued...*

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the District.

The District has received this award in each of the last 4 years.

The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to

clearly communicate its financial information.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

Board Approves Agreement with the City of Larkspur's Consultants for Design Services of Future Force Main

The City of Larkspur and their consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff have begun the design stage of the Bon Air Bridge Replacement Project. The City of Larkspur has offered to provide a spot within the bridge to carry utilities for local agencies and companies: such as, MMWD, PG&E, and Comcast.

The District has entered into an agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff, in the amount of \$6,950, to prepare plans for construction

of a 24-inch pipeline and sleeve to be installed during bridge construction. The sleeve will allow for the installation of a



future sewer bypass force main for the District. The bypass force main will allow the District to divert flows, in either direction, between two major pump stations in Kentfield and Larkspur in the event of an emergency.

By entering into this agreement the District and the City of Larkspur eliminate overlapping costs for engineering and permitting efforts.

Protecting Water Quality - Your Responsibility at Home

Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility. Your role can be as simple as understanding what you put down your drains and how it can affect the sewer system. Objects that don't break down as they travel towards the treatment plant can build up, create problems within the system and cause blockages. If an item does not breakdown in water as quickly or thoroughly as toilet paper, it does not belong in the sewer system.

giene wipes, and household cleaning wipes. Some manufacturers label these products as "flushable," however, they do not break down like toilet paper. In fact, studies have shown that they do not begin to break down even after more than 15 minutes of submersion and agitation in water. Other items commonly found in the pipelines and at the treatment plant that are not safe to flush include: paper towels, rags, plastic items and hygienic products.



One of the more increasingly common items found to be causing problems in the sewer system are "flushable" wipes.

These include baby wipes, bathroom hy-

giene wipes, and household cleaning wipes. Some manufacturers label these products as "flushable," however, they do not break down like toilet paper. In fact, studies have shown that they do not begin to break down even after more than 15 minutes of submersion and agitation in water. Other items commonly found in the pipelines and at the treatment plant that are not safe to flush include: paper towels, rags, plastic items and hygienic products.

Please help RVSD prevent blockages and SSOs by disposing of flushable wipes and other products not suitable for the sewer system through other sanitary methods. Visit our website for more information about how you can help to protect the environment from SSOs.

Understanding Your Annual Sewer Service Charge

Expect to see a personalized letter from Ross Valley Sanitary District in your mailbox very shortly. The District is sending this important information to clearly explain the basis for each of our customer's annual Sewer Service Charge, which appears as a line item on the Marin County Property Tax bills each year. The letters are customized to reflect the specific calculation for each property receiving the charge.

This is the first time the District has issued a letter of this type and it is hoped that it

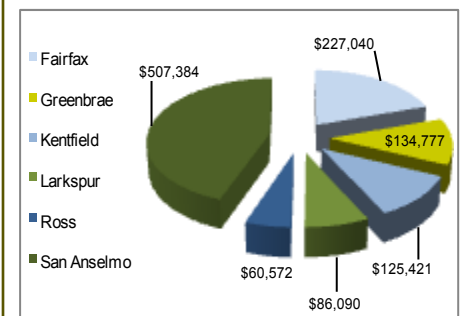
will provide more transparency and opportunity for dialog with our customer base. The Board approved this mailing over the course of two public meetings in August and September at a cost of approximately \$10,000 (or \$0.65 per customer), which will be funded through the Public Outreach budget.

If you are a Ross Valley property owner and are expecting one of these letters, please contact the District at (415) 259-2949 if you have not received it by October 15, 2013.

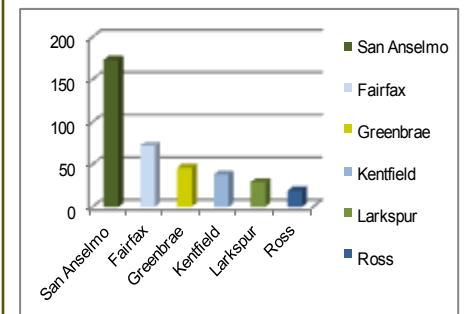
Lateral Replacement Grant Program Progress and Statistics

The District has approved \$1.14 Million for the replacement of private laterals throughout the District. See how each of the towns and cities have taken advantage of this great program.

Total Funding Approved: \$1,141,283



Total Grants Approved: 377



Grant funding is still available! For information and how to apply, call our offices at (415) 259-2949 or visit our website at www.rvsvd.org.