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Ross Valley Sanitary District
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UPCOMING REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

DATES: January 19, 2016
February 17, 2016
TIME: 5 PM Closed/6 PM Open
LOCATION:
District Office, 2960 Kerner Blvd.
San Rafael, CA 94901

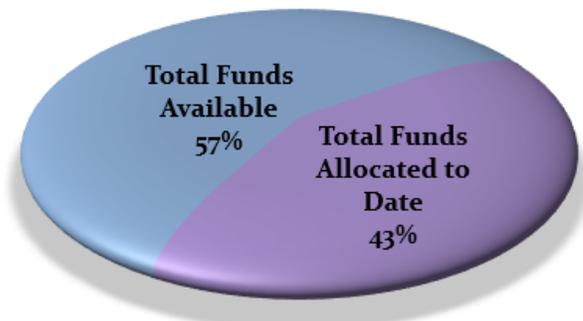
UPCOMING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

DATE: January 18, 2015
February 15, 2016
TIME: 11 AM—Finance
12 Noon—Human Resources
TYPE: Regular Meeting
LOCATION:
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Programs in Place to Help Property Owners Replace Their Laterals

Ross Valley Sanitary District adopted Ordinance 66 regulating the inspection, maintenance, and testing of private sewer laterals in June 2014. The major component of Ordinance 66 requires private sewer laterals to pass a pressure test for the following events, 1) property sale, 2) remodel valued at or above \$75K, and 3) addition of a bathroom. The ordinance aims to bring privately owned sewer laterals into compliance with the District's Standard Specifications for Side Sewer Laterals. To support Ordinance 66, the District operates two financial assistance programs, lateral inspection incentives, and lateral repair or replacement inspections. The Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) helps property owners in the

\$700k Allocated for the FY 2015-16 Lateral Grant Program:
There is still time to apply.



RVSD service area to replace their laterals by offering a \$2k grant toward lateral replacement.

Another way to receive assistance to replace your lateral is to apply for a Lateral Replacement Loan.

The District's loan program is designed to encourage property owners to repair or replace pipe and help to protect the beautiful Ross Valley.

The District offers low interest loans up to \$10,000 to replace private sewer lateral. Repayment of loans is over a period not to exceed ten years at an annual interest rate of 3.6%.

Customers must choose between the grant program and the loan program. To find out which is right for you, and to learn more about these programs, please visit our website at rvsd.org.

Projects

Ross Valley Sanitary District has been working on several major activities related to the FY 2014/2015 Pipeline Rehabilitation Project. The recently completed activities were urgent repairs, and will likely be completed by the start of the wet weather season.



In San Anselmo, at Saunders Avenue between Center Blvd., and Karl Ave., there was a sliplining repair.

In Ross, at Shady Lane, cured-in-place pipe was inverted into a manhole and shot into the trunkline.



Below: At Sylvan Lane, in Ross, pipe is placed by crews, and then cured in place with steam.



Wet Weather Has Begun...Be Prepared



With the recent rains, our customers are asking what they can do to prepare for more wet weather ahead.

Winter is a common time for property owners to experience sewer overflows. There are things you can do to make sure you're avoiding blockages and not setting the stage for a backup. Be proactive with these tips:

1. Never flush anything down the toilet or drain that does not dissolve as easily as toilet paper. It may appear to be eliminated, but items like paper towels and even dental floss can get clogged up lower within the pipe. This goes for "flushable" wipes, too. Even wipes marked "biodegradable" can back up in your system or get caught up on roots.

2. Remember that fats, oils, and grease can solidify in your pipes and cause blockages and backups. Soaps don't "break down" the grease, and running hot water for a long time doesn't eliminate it in the pipes. Use old cardboard milk cartons or non-recyclable containers to dispose of small amounts of cooking grease...and place these containers in the trash.

Keeping pipes clean of excess materials and oils makes it easier for flows to pass through during rains. Still, if you do experience an overflow, contact RVSD right away. And, if you observe what appears to be an overflow at a manhole, contact us immediately by calling 415-259-2949. Whether day or night, someone is available to direct your call to our emergency on-call personnel at once.

A Common Question—Answered

Q: There is a manhole cover in my neighborhood that rattles and continues to irritate me every time a vehicle rolls over it. What do I do?

A: The District has two main types of sewer structures: 1) manholes that vary in size from 25" to 42" in diameter and 2) rodding inlets which are round or oval and range in size from 9" to 18". Both have solid covers and are normally imprinted with "SANITARY SEWER" on top. Occasionally, there may be a separation between the base and the cover of the manhole or rodding inlet causing the cover to rattle when a vehicle rolls over it. To report, please call us at 415-259-2949.

State Audit Progress Update

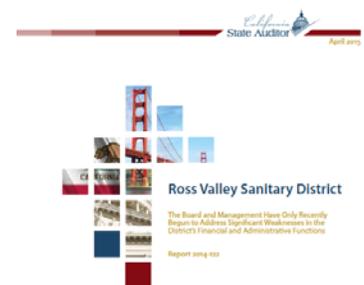
In April, 2015, the California State Auditor released a report with its findings and its key recommendations for strengthening the District's Financial and Administrative Functions.

The District agreed to work on each of the key findings and has responded to the audit report by using its recommendations as a functional roadmap for improvement.

The audit has a five-year window for full implementation of the recommendations. Ross Valley Sanitary District has submitted its six-month progress report, noting the areas where improvement has been made or where the recommendation has been fully implemented.

The District has made substantial progress addressing the audit's findings, and staff at the District continue to refer to the audit when project and work planning in order to integrate the recommendations into its standard procedures.

To read the audit and see the financial and administrative recommendations the District is working on, or to see the progress the District has made thus far, please see the "California State Auditor's Report Materials" link on the front page at www.rvsvd.org.



RVSD Crews in Your Area



RVSD crews can be found throughout the service area, making repairs, checking on calls, installing equipment, and performing maintenance.

Cleaning and repair crews regularly deploy throughout the District, and this quarter, we expect you'll see work being performed in multiple areas in the Ross Valley.

If you are curious about where our crews will be next, or have questions about the

work you see our crews performing now, feel free to ask. Our team out in the service district are always happy to explain the tasks they are working on.

You're always welcome to call the District and ask the Engineering or Operations managers about work being done, too.

We're Always Here

While the District observes public holidays during the Winter, there is always someone to help you, year-round, 24 hours a day. During regular hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am—4 pm, please call our regular number at 415-259-2949.

If there is an emergency, or to report a sewer problem, spill, or leak, please call us immediately and someone will respond promptly. We have field crews on call to respond to emergencies.

About RVSD

The District operates and maintains approximately 200 miles of collection sewer lines and 19 pumping stations which collect, pump, and transport approximately four million gallons of wastewater per day to Central Marin Sanitation Agency for treatment.

on the web:

To find out more about our work, please visit www.rvsd.org

