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Ross Valley Sanitary District Reports Sanitary Sewer Overflow in Kentfield

Pipeline Separates at Joint, Causes Overflow into Tamalpais Creek Bed

Ross Valley (Kentfield), October 29, 2013. Ross Valley Sanitary District employees answered a call reporting a bad odor near 125 Woodland Road at about 8:30 a.m. Monday morning. Crews were immediately dispatched to investigate and found that a damaged pipe had created a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) near Evergreen Drive and Woodland Road. It is estimated that over the course of the last two weeks approximately 100,000 gallons of wastewater exited the pipe into surrounding soil near Tamalpais Creek where it crosses under Evergreen Drive. Tamalpais Creek is not currently flowing and ammonia testing of the static pools indicates that the wastewater likely did not reach Corte Madera Creek. Testing will continue under the direction of Marin County Environmental Health Services.

Inspection of the pipeline revealed a separation in the pipe at a joint where clay pipe is joined with the PVC plastic pipe that crosses under the creek. This separation allowed wastewater to seep in to the ground with some of it resurfacing in static pools in the creek bed. As of late Monday afternoon, crews completed repairs to the pipeline and normal flow was restored.

The District issued all required and voluntary notifications, including CalEMA, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marin County Environmental Health Services, Marin County Roads Department, and leaders in the affected communities (including RVSD Board Members).

The District would like to urge any member of the public to call us at (415) 259-2949 if they notice a strong odor or see what they believe might be wastewater leaking into the environment.