



# Ross Valley Sanitary District

## General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

February 2023



Spring is around the corner, with more rain on the way! We hope you've enjoyed the sunny weather and are looking forward to the spring blooms. Throughout winter, our crews have worked diligently to maintain system flows and prevent sewer spills.

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.

## Accomplishments

### Storm Patrol Stops Sewer Spills

During heavy rains, storm patrol crews work nights and weekends to respond to 24/7 system needs and emergency calls. During one of the recent January storms, staff responded to [SmartCover](#) alarms near Diane Lane in Larkspur. Upon arrival, staff found the system in a surcharge state that needed immediate attention.

To alleviate the surcharge, staff set up a bypass pump. A bypass pump is a common temporary set up that helps to pump out the wastewater at the location of the surcharge, providing relief to the overworked system. Staff visited this site multiple times throughout the storms to tend to the bypass pump and other system needs.



*Bypass Pumping System*

## Portable Water Meters

Staff collaborated with MMWD (Marin Municipal Water District) to acquire three new portable water meters for the District sewer cleaning equipment fleet. Previously, the District had to switch meters between vehicles which would cause up to a 30-minute delay in maintenance activities.

Two of the new meters have been installed on the District's [Vactor Ramjet](#) truck. The third is for a new [Vac-Con](#) "combo" flush/vacuum truck currently on order. These heavy-duty equipment vehicles are used for fast, safe responses to sewer blockages and preventive line maintenance.



*Portable Water Meter on a Sewer Cleaning Truck*

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## Capital Work Quality Assurance

Ross Valley Sanitary District's (RVSD's) Engineering Department enlists the help of our Condition Assessment division to CCTV (closed-circuit television) camera in pipes recently installed as part of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) work. The camera footage provides evidence to verify the quality of the work and identifies areas that may need correction or follow-up by the contractor.

Recently, Condition Assessment crews completed CCTV of four new pipe segments in the San Anselmo Sequoia Park area installed as part of the FY 2022/23 Gravity Sewer Improvements Project. The new pipe work was completed according to our standards and no issues were identified.



*CCTV Footage Inside HDPE Pipe*

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# Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Updates

## FY 2022/23 Gravity Sewer Improvements

Glosage Engineering continues to work on a sewer main easement near Wolfe Grade and Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Greenbrae. The contractor is also completing work in an easement adjacent to Vista Grande in Greenbrae and is working in San Anselmo along Santa Barbara Ave, Santa Cruz Ave, and Salinas Ave.

Once this work is finished, the contractor will begin work on Deer Hollow Rd in Sleepy Hollow. Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information and updates. Work on a main sewer line in Kentfield along Oak Ave is also complete.



*Glosage Installing New HDPE Pipe*

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## Larkspur Pump Stations 14, 24, & 25 Improvements

Construction continues at PS 14, the District's major pump station serving the southern half of Larkspur and located adjacent to Hall Middle School. Final paving at PS 14 is complete.

The backup power systems for generators at PS 24 & 25, located along South Eliseo Drive have also been upgraded, but the generators are still delayed from supply-chain issues. Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information and updates.



Pump Station 14

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## Lift Station 20, 31, 32 Pump Stations Improvements

Staff is working to finalize the plans. Once finalized, the project is scheduled to go out for bid in early March. This project addresses aging equipment at minor lift stations, prioritized by our 2021 Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (IAMP). Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information and updates.

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## Woodland Road Creek Crossings and Capacity Improvements

Staff is applying for permits at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information and updates.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Moore".

Steve Moore, General Manager

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Remember

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.

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## Get Involved

**Members of the public are invited to attend RVSD Regular Board Meetings in-person at Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA), 1301 Andersen Drive, San Rafael. Members of the public can also attend the meeting remotely from a computer, tablet, or smartphone via Zoom.**

Ross Valley Sanitary District Board Meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. These Board Meetings are hybrid.

**The next RVSD Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023.**

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## Sewer FAQs

Review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that explain sewer overflows, what to do if you see one, and other commonly asked questions about the sewer system.

[Review FAQs](#)

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## 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.

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