



## General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

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**Lateral Replacements and Road Paving:** As noted in a recent [Marin IJ article](#), Larkspur will be repaving 22 miles of degraded roads over the next few years. Over 2,000 properties will be impacted by this paving work. RVSD encourages property owners to determine if their private sewer lateral requires replacement, so this can be done before the City's paving work. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for these areas. [Click here for more information on the RVSD Lateral Replacement Grant Program](#). Since 2015, RVSD has facilitated the replacement of over 1,400 private sewer laterals totaling approximately 20 miles of private lateral pipe, leveraging \$3.5M in grant funds to match \$7.1M in property owner funds for lateral replacements. Ross Valley's condominium properties are also newly eligible for lateral replacement grants. Owners are encouraged to contact RVSD to confirm if the HOA has completed its laterals evaluation and is ready to begin any necessary replacements.

**Pump Station 15 Grinders Replaced:** At the April 2018 Board meeting, the Board accepted the completion of the PS 15 Kentfield Comminutor Replacement Project. Comminutors are large industrial grinders that pulverize solid materials coming into the pump station so that the pumps can reliably and efficiently move fluid. The old grinders had been in service for over 30 years and well past their service life. The District purchased the new grinders in advance, Nute Engineering provided design for the installation, and Pacific Infrastructure installed the new grinders.

**PS 15 Modernization Project Construction Awarded:** The District awarded a \$2.1M construction contract for the Pump Station 15 Improvements Project. PS 15 is RVSD's largest pump station, conveying up to 65% of flows during peak wet weather conditions. A 2013 evaluation indicated the primary electrical supply and controls equipment was in poor condition. The 400 horsepower wet weather pumps use variable speed drives to modulate their pumping rates and optimize efficiency, and these drives were also worn out. Improvements include modernizing the electrical system, instrumentation and controls systems, ventilation and odor control, corroded concrete rehabilitation, and improved emergency bypass pumping. Water Works Engineering of Redding provided design services, construction management is provided by The Covello Group, and Anderson Pacific is constructing the project. Work is scheduled to be completed by January 2019.

**RVSD Construction Communications Efforts:** RVSD's communications team is launching a renewed effort to provide timely information to community stakeholders impacted by the capital rehabilitation program. With underground pipeline construction activity spread out over more than 10 miles of road sections in Ross Valley, the construction "footprint" is unavoidably large. RVSD recognizes that the temporary impacts of noise, loss of parking, traffic detours, flagging delays, and private property disturbances have an impact on our customers. The goal of the construction communications effort is to make sure you know in advance what work is being done, where, when, its intended public benefits, and how to contact RVSD for timely response and resolution of construction impact concerns. Specific early outreach will be done to local city/town councils, churches, established neighborhood organizations, schools, and other high use volume properties.

**Mutual Assistance in Action:**

In early April, the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin (SASM) had a failure of a large force main. RVSD crews were able to immediately deploy equipment and materials to assist SASM and its contractor, Maggiora & Ghilotti, with temporary pumping and repairs. RVSD and other Marin Area wastewater agencies have formal agreements for mutual aid in emergencies such as this.



**Next Board Meetings:** The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2018, with closed session scheduled for 5pm. Check the agenda posting [here](#) 72 hours before the meeting for open session time. The meeting will be held at the Central Marin Police Authority's Community Room, located at 250 Doherty Drive in Larkspur. The agenda will be posted to the [rvsd.org](http://rvsd.org) website on Friday, May 11.

**General Manager Departing for Position with SFPUC:** This will be my last General Manager's Bulletin for RVSD. In early July I begin a new position as the Assistant General Manager at SFPUC, overseeing the wastewater and storm water facilities and operations of the City and County of San Francisco. Like Marin, San Francisco faces the challenges of finding sustainable solutions to aging infrastructure, limited public funds, climate disruption, and increasingly stringent environmental compliance requirements. The RVSD Board announced that planning is already underway for a smooth transition to a new permanent General Manager. I am grateful for the support, trust, and enthusiasm of the RVSD staff and the elected Board Members. For more information, [click here to see the RVSD press release](#).

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