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How is the new facility being funded?
The purchase will be financed with revenue bonds that can be paid-off by selling other District properties. This transaction frees up District assets, including the Kerner facility and the Larkspur Landing facility, for other community needs, which will further reduce the financial impacts.

What are the benefits of the new facility?
- Current operations will be consolidated from four locations to one, allowing for significant long term efficiencies and enhanced rapid response capabilities through better access to all District communities.
- A consolidated location will streamline operations by having RVSD field crews, engineers, staff and managers working together in a single location.
- The new facility will better meet worker needs in an upgraded work environment.
- A centralized location will provide the public with an easily-accessible site to conduct business, attend monthly board meetings, and participate in educational sessions on topics such as the RVSD lateral grant program. The current board meetings are held at the Central Marin Police Authority Community Room in Larkspur, which was always intended to be temporary.

When will RVSD move?
The new facility will require modifications to accommodate RVSD functional needs. This work is anticipated to be complete in one year or less. RVSD would move its operations based on the actual schedule to be determined.

What will happen to Larkspur Landing and other District properties?
This facilities purchase frees up District assets, including the Kerner facility and the Larkspur Landing facility, for other community needs. Any future decisions made regarding the reuse or sale of these properties will include close consideration of the Board’s, the City of Larkspur’s and the public’s expectations for the District’s use of Larkspur Landing and these other properties. With the initial challenge of consolidating disparate facilities resolved, the District will apply the same thorough, transparent and diligent process to make decisions, with public input, on next steps for other District properties.