

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

June 2019

Ross Valley Sanitary District provides this monthly news bulletin of current notable activity and events to stay connected to the community we serve. We welcome your feedback on any information in the bulletin and if at any time you no longer prefer to receive this information, simply unsubscribe using the link below.

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June has been a busy month!

Community members joined us for the [Pump Station 12 Ribbon Cutting ceremony on June 11](#) to mark the completion of improvements to Pump Stations 12 and 13 in Greenbrae/Larkspur. Both are located at the Bon Air Shopping Center.



The system infrastructure at both Pump Stations 12 and 13 has been upgraded and/or replaced to enhance local wastewater system reliability and efficiency, improve system performance during wet weather and reduce odors and noise. These ratepayer-funded projects are needed to protect public health and the environment by reducing the risk of sewer overflows.

Pictured in front of Pump Station 12 (above, L to R) are: Board Members Michael Boorstein and Tom Gaffney, Melissa Apuya of Assemblymember Marc Levine's office, Board Members Doug Kelly and Pam Meigs, Andrea Schultz, President of Greenbrae Management, and General Manager Steve Moore.

Phase One sewer improvements for the [Butterfield/Meadowcroft-Arroyo Project in San Anselmo](#) began on June 17 and are anticipated to be complete this fall. Work on Phase Two of the project is anticipated to begin this fall.

Our Proposed Rates for [Sewer Service Charges were unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors](#) at the public hearing held on June 19. The adopted rates are effective July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2023. These funds are used to operate and maintain

the 200 miles of sewer pipes and 19 pump stations that collect, pump, and transport four million gallons of wastewater per day to the Central Marin Sanitation Agency Treatment Plant.

These funds also pay for treatment of wastewater by Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) for reuse and discharge to the Bay. Property owners receive the annual charge on their property tax bill, which is collected by Marin County. Thank you to everyone that participated and for your helpful comments and discussion during this public process.

RVSD raised \$35.2 million during a successful bond sale on June 27. The interest rate on the bonds is 3.39%, which will be repaid by the District over a 25 year period. This rate is lower than the 3.63% cost of the bonds RVSD sold in January 2018. The lower cost of our bonds is attributable to the new and improved AA rating on all of our bonds by Standard & Poor's and today's strong bond market conditions. The improved AA rating was achieved based on our demonstrated compliance with regulatory requirements, the approved 5-year sewer rate schedule, and other factors such as settlement of litigation, which all reduce financial risk.

Our bond pricing is virtually the same as that of bonds recently sold by Sonoma County Water Agency, which is rated AAA, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, one of the strongest names in the bond market with a rating of AA+. By financing District expenditures with low interest revenue bonds, RVSD is able to minimize sewer rate increases and still meet its challenging regulatory requirements and strategic plan objectives, which include future consolidation of the District's operations and cleaning up the Larkspur Landing property.

We will begin [cleanup work at our Larkspur Landing property](#) in July. Workers plan to begin mobilizing on site July 1, followed by beginning of cleanup work as early as July 8.

In March 2019, [US EPA approved the remedial action plan](#) to safely remove and dispose of this material, and in May 2019, RVSD selected a contractor to conduct the cleanup work.



Approximately 64,000 tons of soil and demolition debris will be removed from Larkspur Landing and sent to a municipal landfill and about 2,600 tons will be sent to a hazardous waste landfill.

The site will be restored to existing grade with clean fill imported from a quarry at a total budget of about \$9.6 million. There is no future development proposed for the site at this time. RVSD will work closely with the City of Larkspur and the local community in a public engagement process regarding the disposition of the property after cleanup is complete.

Steve Moore, General Manager

RVSD Reminders - [Click here](#) to review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that explain sewer overflows and what to do.

Call the RVSD Emergency Line 24/7 at 415-259-2949 if you have a public sewer emergency, such as a manhole overflow, leaking pipe, smell odors, or see sewage on the ground. Emergency crews are available 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week!



[Click here](#) to check the California Department of Consumer Affairs Contractors State License Board (CSLB) for information before you hire a plumbing contractor. Make sure any plumber you hire is familiar with district policies and programs for any private property sewer emergency.

All of this information can be viewed by clicking "EMERGENCY" on our website homepage or [click here](#).



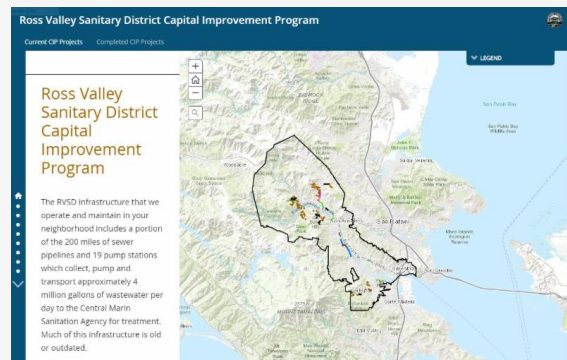
RVSD CIP Construction Update - RVSD Capital Improvement Program (CIP) construction projects are taking place now to rehabilitate underground sewer pipes and associated structures throughout our service area.

These sewer line repairs and rehabilitation projects are critical to protect public health and the environment by reducing the risk of sewer overflows.

Look for construction projects taking place near you. Click on each of the CIP construction projects listed below for the latest project information and updates.

1. [Fairfax, Larkspur, San Anselmo Sewer Projects](#)
2. [Kentfield PS 15 Improvements](#)
3. [Ross Common / Upper Shady Lane Sewer Improvements](#)
4. [San Anselmo Sewer Improvements - Butterfield](#)
5. [San Anselmo Sewer Improvements - Nokomis](#)

[Click here](#) to see our CIP overview or for direct access to our interactive project map you can [click here](#). A magnifying glass icon is provided with the map to enter your address and see if construction is currently taking place, or will take place in your neighborhood. You can also click on the map area you are interested in and identify the project name, find contact information and more.



[Click here](#) to select and receive timely construction updates or call us at 415-259-2949.

RVSD APPRECIATES your patience during construction as we fulfill our commitment to making strategic long-term infrastructure improvements.

Next Board Meeting - The Ross Valley Sanitary District Board Meetings are typically held the third Wednesday of each month at 5pm at the Central Marin Police Authority's Community Room, located at 250 Doherty Drive in Larkspur. **The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5pm.**

[Check the agenda posting here](#) 72 hours before the meeting for open session time.

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