



Consent Decree Status – FY2009

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In 2006, as a result of the concerns of a Ross Valley resident, the District negotiated terms for a Consent Decree. Consent Decrees are often associated with negative perceptions. However, a consent decree is an opportunity for a wastewater utility such as The Ross Valley Sanitary District to put the practices of the past aside and rise up to become a leader in the industry.

That same year and again two years later in June of 2008, a group of leaders referred to as the RVSD Reform Board took over the District and proceeded to lead RVSD to exceeding every measure listed under the terms of the agreement.

For example, one of the terms is that the District CCTV (Video Inspect) 4 miles of sewer mainlines on average per year. This equals a total of 12 required miles by the end of FY2009. However, the District will have videoed over 30 miles of sewer pipe by the end of FY2009, far exceeding the expectations under the Consent Decree.

Finally, the largest requirement under the terms of the agreement is that RVSD average replacing or repairing 2 miles of sewer mainlines per year. This would equal a total of 6 miles of new or repaired pipe by the end of FY2009. However, by the end of FY2009 the District will have installed or repaired 7.55 miles of sewers, again far exceeding the requirements as set forth under the Consent Decree.

Though not specifically spelled out, in an effort to increase communication to District rate payers, RVSD designed RVSD.ORG. This web site is a good starting point for most questions regarding the District, and your feedback and concerns are always welcome.