



General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

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As part of Ross Valley Sanitary District's (RVSD) ongoing efforts to improve communications and outreach with the community we serve, RVSD is providing this monthly news bulletin of current notable activity and events. 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.

More information on the topics below can be found in the June RVSD Board meeting agenda package, available for download at www.RVSD.org.

Thank You for a Successful Community Workshop: The Board and RVSD managers hosted a Community Workshop on June 21, 2017, to share information related to the District's upcoming capital construction projects, lateral grant program, budget and finances, community survey and remediation efforts for the 2000 Larkspur Landing property. Thank you to all members of the public and agency partners who joined us with great questions. Our dedicated staff and community groups helped to make this evening a success. [Click here to see a photo collage of this event.](#)

Community Survey Extended to Midnight Tonight: The response to our online community survey has been much appreciated, and we extended the deadline to June 30th at the request of a local environmental group who wanted to invite their partners to participate. Please [click here](#) to complete the 5-minute survey that will allow us to better understand your customer service needs.

Adoption of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Budget: The RVSD Board unanimously approved the District's FY 2017-18 Budget, which is organized along two primary revenue and spending categories: Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Capital. District revenues in the new FY include \$19.2 million in wastewater utility service rate revenue, \$6.7 million in ad valorem property tax revenue, and one-time proceeds from a \$25 million long term bond issuance. The ad valorem revenue and bond proceeds are for capital assets (infrastructure) use only. Major categories of O&M expenses include personnel costs and CMSA treatment charges. Total personnel costs are \$6.25 million, remaining flat over the past five FYs. CMSA charges are \$7.6 million, a six percent (6%) increase over the prior FY. Capital costs include approximately \$28 million in construction projects for rehabilitation and replacement of aging pipelines and pump stations, \$1.9 million for sewer lateral replacement assistance, \$3.5 million for long-term debt service, and \$7 million for remediation of the parcel at 2000

Larkspur Landing Circle. The complete FY 2017-18 Budget report is available at: <http://rvsd.org/about-us/financial-information>

Marin Grand Jury Report on Retirement Health Care Benefits: The RVSD Board considered the topic of Marin's Retirement Health Care Benefits in response to a recent Marin County Grand Jury report on Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) offered to retirees (*Marin's Retirement Health Care Benefits: The Money Isn't There*). Of the report's nine recommendations, six are already in place and three require further consideration. RVSD's unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) for retiree healthcare in FY 2017-18 is \$193,000 or about 0.07% of annual recurring revenue.

LAFCO Central Marin Wastewater Services Review: Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) released a public draft of its 2017 Municipal Services Review (MSR) of Central Marin Wastewater Agencies. The study reviews wastewater service from Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District down to Corte Madera. The draft report makes a number of findings and recommendations on topics including regionalization of services, annexations and capacity vs. demands at current growth projection levels. The RVSD Board has reviewed and discussed the draft MSR and approved a letter of response, which can be seen by [clicking here](#).

Award of \$7M Construction Contract for Pump Station Rehabilitation Project: RVSD awarded a \$6,998,000 construction contract to modernize two existing wastewater pump stations located adjacent to the Bon Air retail complex. The two pump stations have not had significant upgrades in over 30 years. The District's 2013 Infrastructure Assets Management Plan identified these as the most critical pump stations to upgrade, based on their elevated risk of failure. The upgrades include new pumps, motors, piping, odor control systems, electrical systems, bypass pumping connections, and backup power generators. The upgrades will improve energy efficiency, enhance service reliability under peak wet weather flow, and integrate the two stations with the Central Marin Sanitation Agency's (CMSA) regional SCADA system. These are two of five major pump stations that convey between 4 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) of dry weather flows and 60 MGD of wet weather flows from the RVSD service area, to the CMSA wastewater treatment plant in San Rafael.

Larkspur Landing Remediation CEQA Review Complete: The RVSD Board adopted a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approved the Larkspur Landing Remediation Project. The District is continuing to work with the federal EPA Region 9 in San Francisco on final approval of the draft remediation work plan. [Click here](#) to see the CEQA MND.

[Click Here for the RVSD Survey](#)