

General Manager's Monthly Bulletin

December 2018

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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Year End Message from our General Manager -

As the new general manager at Ross Valley Sanitary District, it has been a pleasure to meet so many of you in the community over this past month.

We are prepared for the new year and the continued rainy season to meet our goal of preventing sanitary sewer overflows. This is a top priority. The investments that our ratepayers have made to improve sewer system reliability in public streets and in the private property laterals continues to benefit the entire community.

We track various metrics to verify our performance meeting our strategic priorities. One metric is the number of "no-spill months," or calendar months with no reportable sanitary sewer overflows. This year, we have had four no-spill months, including this November when rains began in earnest. Since 2007 we have had 15 no-spill months, and therefore 27% of our no-spill months over the last 12 years have been in the last calendar year, which has had average rainfall.

As 2018 ends, our metrics show we can all be proud that the investments in capital projects and sustained commitment to maintenance have resulted in improved protection of public health and the environment.

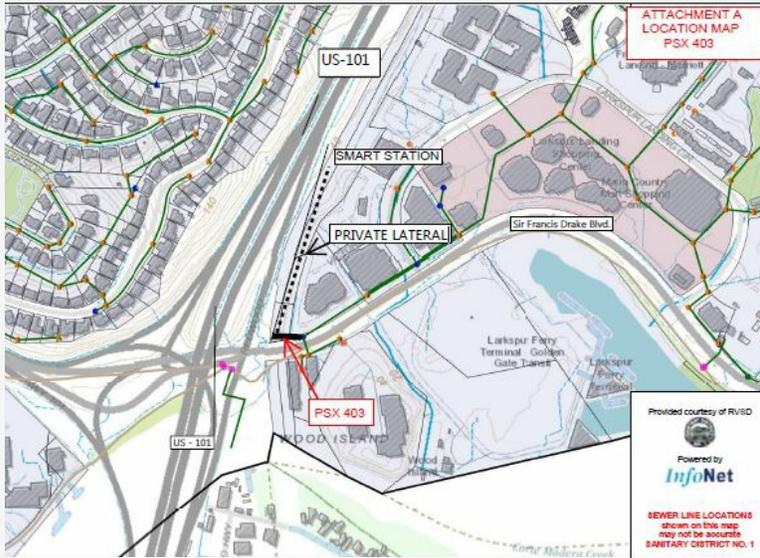
May you all enjoy a wonderful end of the year and holiday season. As always, our crews will be working 24/7 to keep our sanitary systems running, and we are all dedicated to reviewing our data and milestones from 2018 and to continue improving in the new year!



- Steven Moore

RVSD Board Approves Public Sewer Extension for SMART Larkspur Project -

At the [December 19 meeting](#), the RVSD Board of Directors granted approval for Public Sewer Extension (PSX) Permit to be constructed within Sir Francis Drake Boulevard for the new SMART Larkspur Station in Larkspur.



The sewer extension will allow stored wastewater from train restrooms to be discharged to the District's public sewer system.

On-site (private) sewer lateral improvements are already under construction, pursuant to a private lateral permit issued by District staff..



Construction Notifications on Nextdoor - Ross Valley Sanitary District has joined Nextdoor to share construction updates that have a direct impact on your neighborhood. Please look for our construction notifications -- which will be neighborhood specific --and know that we are working to provide this information in a timely manner on multiple information platforms to minimize disruptions related to construction activity. We look forward to connecting with you on Nextdoor to build stronger, safer, and happier neighborhoods throughout Ross Valley!

Rainy Season Reminder - Wet weather brings an increased chance of sewer overflows into our creeks and Bay. We can all be ready as winter unfolds and the soil becomes more saturated with more rain on the way. [Click here](#) to review our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that explain sewer overflows.

You can always 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!

If you have a private property sewer emergency, please contact a plumber or a [licensed contractor](#) familiar with district policies and programs.

You can see all of this information by clicking the red "EMERGENCY" icon on our website homepage or [click here](#).



RVSD CIP Construction Update - Work is progressing on RVSD Capital Improvement Program (CIP) construction projects 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.

Current CIP construction projects include:

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



[Click here](#) for a CIP overview, to find individual project information including construction notices, updates and more, or to view our interactive project map.

With the map, you can use the magnifying glass icon to enter your address and see if construction is happening or will take place in your neighborhood, or click on the map area you are interested in to identify the project name, contact information and more.

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

We greatly appreciate your patience as we make these much-needed infrastructure improvements.

Lateral Replacement Grants and Loans Available - RVSD offers financial assistance funding for sewer lateral replacements. We are committed to continue partnering with the community to replace outdated sewer laterals and established this grant and loan program with committed resources to help homeowners repair and replace faulty sewer laterals. Of the total \$1.1 million in funding for these two programs, approximately \$750,000 remains for FY 18/19.

More than \$4.3 million in grants have been awarded to homeowners who replaced their laterals since 2009. Over \$480,000 in grant funding remains for FY 18/19!



Grant funding of up to \$2,500 is available for individual properties located in high inflow and infiltration (I&I) basins as determined by prior RVSD flow studies, or on streets with Paving Condition Index (PCI) values of 30 and lower or which are planned for future paving by local agencies within the next 12 to 18 months.

Over \$275,000 in loan funding remains for FY 18/19. The standard maximum loan amount for lateral replacements is \$10,000. For properties facing higher paving costs due to work on a moratorium street or to remove illegal storm water connections such as sump pumps or roof drains, the maximum amount is \$15,000.

[Click here](#) to see if you qualify!

Next Board Meeting - The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 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 website](#) on Friday, January 11.

Want an alert when the next Board meeting agenda is available? Please write to our [Clerk of the Board](#) to request being included in upcoming agenda alerts.

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