

Contra Costa Special Districts Association Newsletter

Contra Costa Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

October 2019 Quarterly Newsletter

October 21st Meeting Location

For our October meeting we will meet back at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Collection System Operations building (CSO) located at: 1250 Springbrook Road in Walnut Creek, Ca.

At the October meeting we will consider changing our current meeting times of quarterly to bimonthly. It is proposed that we change from January, April, July and October to January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The joint Alameda/ Contra Costa Chapter meeting was a success and we will also consider doing the same in 2020.

The October Speaker will be Jason Warner, General Manager Oro Loma Sanitary District. He will talk to us about the Horizontal Levee -an overview of lessons learned, and preliminary research findings from a full scale demonstration of one of the leading alternatives for sea rise response in the SF Bay Area and beyond.

At the January 27, 2020 meeting (our annual business meeting) we will have the Election of Officers - President, Vice President and Member at Large. If you are interested in becoming part of the chapter executive team contact Mike McGill chairperson on the nominating committee. At the January meeting we will also be voting on chapter bylaws amendments, and conduct other chapter business.

New LAFCO Office Location

Contra Costa LAFCO has moved! The office moved from Pine Street on Thursday July 18th, and they were up-and-running on Monday, July 22nd.

New Location:

Contra Costa LAFCO
40 Muir Road, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Lou Ann Texeira phone: 925-313-7133

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Did You Know?

There are 77 special districts in Contra Costa County. Of these, 42 are governed by locally elected boards and four have appointed boards; these 46 districts are referred to as "independent special districts." The remaining 31 special districts are governed either by the Board of Supervisors or appointed boards and are termed "dependent special districts."

We are always looking for Special District Highlights and News Stories!

The Contra Costa Special Districts Association welcomes information about your district, as either a speaker and/or presenter at a future meeting, or as a news story for our newsletter. If your district would like to present and be highlighted at a future meeting or can provide a news story please contact Stan Caldwell.

Senator Steve Glazer Receives Award

The Regional Parks Foundation & East Bay Regional Park District has selected Senator Glazer as the Radke Championing Advocacy Award recipient for 2019.

They are honoring Senator Glazer for my efforts to secure \$5 million for Del Valle Regional Parks, to protect the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SRVA) to add the Tesla Expansion Area lands, and to ban smoking in state parks and on state beaches.

"The East Bay Regional Park District & Regional Parks Foundation values your leadership and continuous support for open space, state beaches and parks, and outdoor recreation throughout California."



CSDA adopts support for SB268

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has adopted a support position on SB 268 (Wiener), related to local tax ballot measures. SB 268 will expand transparency for local tax measures while addressing recently enacted ballot label requirements that have proven to be problematic for bonds and tiered tax rate measures. The existing law is creating significant voter confusion and threatening districts ability to meet the public safety, health, flood protection, and other needs of California residents.

The Elections Code now requires local tax and bond measures to state on the ballot label: the amount of money to be raised annually; the rate of the tax to be levied; and the duration of the tax to be levied.

While these provisions were enacted with the intention of increasing transparency to voters regarding the costs of proposed ballot measures, they actually have resulted in less transparency because of voter confusion. The requirements have and will continue to have a detrimental effect on the ability of communities to pass local bonds and other local revenue measures by the required super majorities, including any tiered tax rates that incorporate social justice or other important public policy goals.

SB 268 will require a local measure that imposes or increases tiered tax rates, authorizes the issuance of bonds, or imposes a tax with a rate structure that cannot be accurately described in the ballot label, to include in the ballot label the words "See voter guide for information." The local tax measure would be exempted from the requirement to provide the rate, duration, and annual revenue in the ballot label, but would be required to include in the voter information guide key financial measures that include all those in existing law and more. Specifically: Public Benefits - How tax revenue will be spent to provide public benefits; Rates - A list of all the tax rates that would apply; Duration - An explanation of when or if the tax expires; Annual Revenue - Best estimate of annual tax revenue; this bill also would clarify that financial measures stated in the ballot label or in the voter information guide are estimates, and not caps above which a local jurisdiction would be subject to legal challenge.

SB 268 will protect the ability of local agencies and communities to support schools, roads, hospitals, flood protection, fire protection, and other vital public services, while ensuring accurate, clear cost information is provided to voters.

California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

The California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) announced their preliminary investment returns for fiscal year 2018-19. The returns came in at a 6.7 percent return on investment for the year, just shy of their 7 percent goal, resulting in a total fund value of \$373 billion. CalPERS reported the returns as follows: Fixed Income program generated a 9.6 percent net return, followed by Private Equity and Public Equity net returns of 7.7 percent and 6.1 percent returns respectively.

What does this mean for your district if you are a CalPERS member? This means you can expect a moderate rate increase in 2021-22 to cover the 0.3 percent shortfall; the difference between the 6.7 percent return and 7 percent projected return. Only a few months ago CalPERS returns were as low as 1.62 percent, which would have resulted in significant increases in rates for employers who are already facing rate increases resulting from the gradual lowering of the discount rate to match future expected returns.

While CalPERS narrowly missed their target this year, they are taking steps to increase returns in future years through increased investment in private equity, which has regularly been a top earner for the CalPERS portfolio. With the increased returns potential from private equity comes greater risk of losses. That is a risk many CalPERS members have indicated they are willing to take to reduce their annual contribution rates.

Ironhouse Sanitary District

Thank you to the Contra Costa County Taxpayers' Association (CoCo Tax) for awarding Ironhouse Sanitary District a Bronze Medal Award for Good Government at their The Good, the Bad & the Ugly Awards event on July 12th.



Primary Treatment Project to Increase Efficiency

The Dublin San Ramon Services District has started a major capital improvement project at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in Pleasanton that will increase efficiency to improve the wastewater treatment process and reduce energy costs. The \$19 million project is the largest project undertaken by the District since a treatment plant expansion in 2000.



An aerial view of the demolished primary tank in May 2019.

Contractors began work in April on the Primary Sedimentation Expansion and Improvements Project, which will increase the primary treatment capacity by 33 percent. Construction is estimated to continue through fall 2021.

The grit tanks remove small material, such as gravel and sand, to protect equipment and prevent clogged pipes at the plant. Once the wastewater reaches the primary sedimentation step, scum is skimmed from the water's surface and solids are scraped from the bottom of each tank. From here, the sewage is split into two separate streams of treatment for liquids and solids.

Currently the primary treatment capacity is undersized for the facility's average dry weather flow of more than 10 million gallons a day. Insufficient primary treatment capacity can add stress to the next steps in the wastewater treatment process.

Once the project is complete, having two deeper tanks as well as improving the internal mechanism configuration will allow the wastewater to spend more time in the primary tanks, which will improve separation of solids and liquids. Removing solids earlier in the process will also help reduce energy use in secondary treatment.

The improvements will also enable the plant to send more solids to digesters that create biogas, a renewable fuel used to generate electricity to heat and power the plant. The expansion and improvements will provide the

needed primary treatment capacity for both current flows as well as anticipated community buildout.

Water-Wise Gardening Workshop

The public was invited to join a free water-wise gardening workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, in the Community Room at the Dublin Library.



FREE WATER-WISE WORKSHOP

Grow Your Garden

NOT YOUR WATER BILL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 6-8 P.M.
DUBLIN LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM
200 CIVIC PLAZA, DUBLIN, CA 94568

RSVP BY JULY 25 @ WWW.TRIVALLEYWATERWISE.COM
QUESTIONS? CONTACT BLEVINS@DSRSD.COM, (925) 875-2294

LEARN ABOUT

- Designing your garden (what to do/what not to do)
- Low-water-use plants
- Irrigation 101

Presented by



GUEST SPEAKER
Environmental Educator Frank Niccoli

- Environmental horticulture instructor
- Past president of the CA Landscape Contractors Association
- Sustainable landscape management and native plants specialist

Grow Your Garden—Not Your Water Bill,” presented by the Dublin San Ramon Services District and Zone 7 Water Agency, served as a guide for residents looking to make their yards water-smart. Attendees learned about designing their garden (including what to do and what not to do), choosing plants that only need low-water use, plus irrigation tips and tricks.

Environmental educator Frank Niccoli is the featured speaker for the event. Niccoli is an environmental horticulture instructor, past president of the California Landscape Contractors Association, and a specialist in sustainable landscape management and native plants.



District Consolidation One Step Closer to Reality for Byron-Bethany Irrigation District

Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID) is a multi-county special district serving parts of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin Counties across 47 square miles and 30,000 acres. The district serves 160 agricultural customers and more than 20,000 residents of the Mountain House community.



BBID also manages the West Side Irrigation District (WSID), which serves agricultural customers and provides raw water to the City of Tracy. BBID provides management services and operations & maintenance support to the Byron Sanitary District, which provides wastewater and sewer services to Byron residents.

June 13, 2019) - The proposed consolidation between the Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID) and the West Side Irrigation District (WSID) took a significant step forward.

The San Joaquin County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) formally approved the updated Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) related to the consolidation. BBID and WSID have worked collaboratively with interested stakeholders in both service areas for quite some time. The planned consolidation would help secure greater water reliability and improve delivery efficiencies.

“We thank LAFCO staff and commissioners for their diligence throughout this process,” said BBID GM Rick Gilmore. “We look forward to moving forward in the coming months.”

Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Contra Costa Water District

The Contra Costa Water District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

BART plans to issue 2019 general obligation green bonds



News from BART

BART is offering its third Green Bond issuance, certified by the Climate Bonds Initiative. BART plans to hold an early order period exclusively for individual in the counties of Alameda and Contra Costa, and the City and County of San Francisco. The Series 2019 Green Bonds are General Obligation Bonds secured by ad valorem property taxes collected in the three-county BART District.

The estimated \$600 million of proceeds from the sale of these Green Bonds represents a significant investment in climate-friendly mass transportation for the Bay Area. Bonds issued under Measure RR for the BART System Renewal Program will go toward continued work on improving BART’s core infrastructure including track replacement, tunnel repair, station improvements and train control system upgrades. Bonds sold under Measure AA will finance new improvements to BART facilities or refinance prior projects completed as part of the Earthquake Safety Program. These projects include retrofitting the Transbay Tube and upgrading various portions of the BART system to ensure the safety of the public and BART employees and to prepare for a rapid return to operations after a major earthquake.

The bond issue meets the criteria established by the Climate Bonds Initiative relating to reporting and transparency and will finance projects that provide low-carbon transportation alternatives for Bay Area residents and reduce the impacts of climate change.

Green Bonds (also known as Climate Bonds) were popularized in 2010 as a method for raising capital for climate-friendly projects across the globe. In 2018, \$169 billion in Climate Bonds were issued worldwide according to the Climate Bonds Initiative, an international nongovernmental, nonprofit organization dedicated to stimulating investment in projects and assets supporting environmental sustainability. In 2017, BART was the first California transit agency to obtain third-party green bond certification.

Interpretive Center at the Los Vaqueros Reservoir

Did you know that Contra Costa Water District has an Interpretive Center out at the Los Vaqueros Reservoir? There are exhibits on the cultural history of the area, animals, and the unique role Los Vaqueros plays in providing you clean and healthy water. The center is open on weekends.

Announcing CASA's New Executive Director!



Adam Link new Executive Director for CASA



The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) is excited to announce the selection of CASA's new Executive Director! Following an open process, the Board of Directors was pleased to select Adam Link, CASA's current Director of Operations. Adam will assume the role in January upon Bobbi Larson's retirement.

CASA's President Traci Minamide noted, "This is a very exciting time for CASA. Adam's appointment is an affirmation of CASA's multi-year succession planning effort. He will provide a fresh leadership perspective while maintaining the high level of advocacy and service our members have come to expect."

Link has been with CASA for nearly seven years and managed numerous aspects of the organization including a variety of legal, regulatory and legislative initiatives. Prior to joining CASA, he was a practicing attorney focused on environmental and local government law. He holds degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara and University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Link will be working with current staff over the next several months to finalize a transition plan that ensures CASA will continue to provide excellent service to its members in the coming years. Congratulations, Adam, and well deserved!

Celebrating P2 Month in September

"Pollution Prevention" or "P2" is any practice that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution at its source (also known as "source reduction"). P2 is different and more desirable than recycling, treatment, and disposal, and it's one of the simplest and most effective keys to saving our resources and moving toward sustainability.



William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence

Each year, CSDA presents various awards during the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. There are several different categories to enter your district, chapter, and/or an individual. While an independent third-party selects nearly all of the winners in each category, the William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence is selected exclusively by the CSDA Board of Directors.

The CSDA Board may consider the following qualities and characteristics in individuals when selecting the recipient of this award:

- Leadership: Demonstrated significant leadership for special districts regionally or statewide over time;
- Collaboration: Actively worked to identify and implement programs and/or partnerships that benefit special districts regionally or statewide;
- Commitment: Dedicated a significant portion of their time, efforts, and/or career toward the advancement of special districts; and/or
- Advocacy: Advocated extensively on behalf of special districts regionally or statewide over time.



David McMurchie is the recipient of CSDA's 2019 William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence.

Some of you may recall that David's Father (Don McMurchie) also received the award in 2009 for his many years of service to CSDA, special districts, and SDRMA. Definitely a family committed to serving special districts and well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations to the 2019 CSDA board Member of the Year Award Winner

Each year, California Special Districts Association (CSDA) presents various awards during the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. There are several different categories including Board Member of the Year, this year the Board Member of the year was awarded to Stan Caldwell, Mt. View Sanitary District. The award was presented during the opening general session of the Annual Conference

East Bay Regional Parks News

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has partnered with the City of Concord and the National Park Service to provide a new regional park in Concord on the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. The Concord Hills Regional Park is the working name for a world class regional park that will provide a full range of trail opportunities, wildlife preservation, and environmental and historic interpretation including a partnership with the National Park Service to develop a joint visitor center highlighting the history of the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial.

More than 2,200 acres of former Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) land in eastern Concord is now in the hands of the East Bay Regional Park District, which plans to make this land the center of a new park. The park district board voted on July 2 to accept 2,216 acres of land from the U.S. Navy.

Concord Hills Regional Park, which is envisioned to eventually comprise about 2,500 acres, is a major element of a redeveloped weapons station property.

Another 2,300 acres will be transferred to the city of Concord, whose Concord Community Reuse Project has been overseeing planning for housing, businesses, a college campus and other development.

This has been a years-long planning process, and build out is expected to take many more years. The inland portion - south of state Highway 4 - of the weapons station was closed in 2005. Most of the portion of the base north of Highway 4 became Military Ocean Terminal Concord, operated by the U.S. Army.

The District will pursue creative opportunities and collaborative partnerships to provide world-class environmental education and interpretation programs and facilities throughout the CNWS to preserve and share the unique natural, cultural, social, and military history of the CNWS and the Central Contra Costa County region.



The East Bay Regional Park District has partnered with the National Park Service to develop a joint visitor center that will expand access to the Port Chicago Naval

Magazine National Memorial story and provide other natural and cultural interpretive opportunities.

The Visitor Center will interpret subjects including the history of Port Chicago during war and peace, and the area's natural history. The facility will be jointly operated by East Bay Regional Park District and the National Park Service.

West County Wastewater District receives Certificate of Achievement from Government Finance Officers Association



The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial Reporting has been awarded to West County wastewater District by 'Government finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30I 2018.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting it represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. West County Wastewater received the Achievement Award for the District's 2018 Fiscal Year End Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

MVSD Manager Retires

Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) Manager Neal Allen retired September 16th. Assistant General Manager Lilia Corona was named to replace him as manager. An Ad Hoc Committee narrowed the field of perspective managers to five candidates and performing interviews the board of directors decided that Lilia would be best suited for the new role.



California Water Environmental Association's Community Engagement Chair Angela Lowrey Recognized by CAPIO with 2019 Communicator of the Year Award

The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) has named Angela Lowrey as the state's Communicator of the Year for 2019, recognizing her dedication to clean water education and resource recovery outreach, her overall expertise in the communications field, and for award-winning creativity in her work.

"Angela stood out this year for her time, energy, and the remarkable impact she's made for her agency, as well as the California communications field as a whole," said CAPIO President Christine Brainerd, APR and communications manager for the City of Folsom. "We chose Angela for her exceptional contributions to improve Delta Diablo's outreach efforts through public and media engagement. Her ongoing advancement of the profession made her the top choice for the 2019 Communicator of the Year."

Contra Costa Water District Board welcomes science fair winners

The future is bright for the water industry, as two students from De La Salle High School in Concord, California attended a recent CCWD Board meeting where they received certificates and monetary awards for their winning science projects. The students took second and third place in the Senior Division of the Water, Wastewater and Recycled Water Research category of the 2019 Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair for their water-related projects. The budding scientists were joined by their teacher and families at the Board meeting, as each student presented their projects to the audience before accepting their awards.



A Ten Years of Partnership Helping Local Students Become Inspired Environmentalists



Since 1992, KIDS for the BAY has been introducing San Francisco Bay Area elementary school students to the Bay watershed environment that we all share. For the past 10 years, Stege Sanitary District has been part of that mission, supporting local students and teachers and inspiring a new generation of environmentalists with an increased awareness of watershed stewardship. During its decade-long partnership with KIDS for the BAY, the District has helped over 500 students in the District understand that a healthy sewer system helps our creeks and our Bay. They learned that "FOGs" (Fats, Oil, and Grease) are dangerous to the sewer because they can harden clog pipes, and cause wastewater to overflow into neighborhood creeks, storm drains.

Kids for the Bay, Hands-on science and nature field trips are a big part of KIDS for the BAY's program of environmental awareness. Whether students are investigating a striped bass fish, using satellite maps to create their own estuary model, studying the rocky shore habitat, bird-watching, or cleaning up 40 gallons of trash from Keller Beach in Richmond, students learn that everyone shares responsibility for protecting their environment.



Students from Madera Elementary School in El Cerrito at Keller Beach in Richmond. Left: Studying the rocky shore Habitat Right: Birdwatching.

As a condition of funding, the District worked with KIDS for the BAY to include a wastewater component to their Watershed Action Program.

New California Special Districts Association Board Members

The CSDA Board election was on August 13th and below are the individuals with the most votes in each network is listed below. There will be three new board members in 2020.

Northern Network (Seat B: Term = 2020-2022)
Greg Orsini, General Manager, McKinleyville
Community Services District (incumbent)

Sierra Network (Seat B: Term = 2020-2022)
Jerry Gilmore, Director, Truckee Sanitary District

Bay Area Network (Seat B: Term = 2020-2022)
Ryan Clausnitzer, General Manager, Alameda County
Mosquito Abatement District (incumbent)

Central Network (Seat B: Term = 2020-2022)
Lorenzo Rios, Chief Executive Officer, Clovis Veterans
Memorial District

Coastal Network (Seat B: Term = 2020-2022)
Jeff Hodge, SDA, General Manager, Santa Ynez
Community Services District (incumbent)

Southern Network (Seat B: Term = 2020-2022)
Kathy Tiegs, Director, Cucamonga Valley Water District

New board members will take office on January 1, 2020 and will be invited to sit in and will be invited on upcoming CSDA Board meetings held September 6th and at the 2019 Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase.

2020 CSDA Committee & Expert Feedback Team Participation

CSDA's strength and effectiveness as an organization is directly related to our ability to involve members in the work of the association. Special districts board members and staff, as well as business affiliates bring tremendous talents and energy to CSDA and to the issues that concern special districts in California.

With this in mind, we are asking for volunteers to participate and contribute on one or more of our committees and/or expert feedback teams to assist in shaping CSDA. If you or any others from your district or company would like to get involved with CSDA, please go to our Get Involved page at CSDA.net (<https://www.csda.net/about-csda/get-involved>) to view a complete list of committees and expectations for committee member service.

New Fee on Special Districts Imposed by CalPERS Even if Your District is Not a CalPERS Member

The State Social Security Administrator (SSSA) will begin to assess fees to special districts and other public agencies that have a Section 218 Agreement. The fees are intended to cover the costs of administering the federal program on behalf of all local agencies. They will range from \$200 - \$2,500 per year based on number of employees and will be charged to agencies whether or not they are a CalPERS employer.

A Section 218 Agreement is a voluntary agreement between an agency and the Social Security Administration (SSA) to provide Social Security and Medicare Hospital Insurance (HI) or Medicare HI-only coverage for State and local government employees. These agreements are called "Section 218" Agreements because they are authorized by Section 218 of the Social Security Act.

CalPERS serve as the SSSA on behalf of all public agencies in California and have been operating up to this point using the interest that was earned from the Social Security and Medicare tax holding account. After 30 years the fund has now diminished, and it can no longer pay for the expenses required to continue to operate the SSSA. The Social Security Administration (SSA) does not provide any funding for the SSSA to operate. Additionally, the state Legislature does not allow CalPERS to use any retirement funds to cover expenses which are not related to the cost of the administration of the retirement system.

SSA regulations require each state to designate an official to administer that state's Section 218 Agreement. From 1955-1986, the SSSA was also responsible for collecting Social Security and Medicare withholdings for all public employers in California. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) Bill of 1986 moved the responsibility of collecting taxes from the SSSA to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

As of July 1, 2019, there are two types of fees that are being assessed. The first fee is a contracting fee of \$650 to establish a new Section 218 Agreement or to amend an existing Section 218 Agreement for Social Security and/or Medicare coverage. The second fee is an annual maintenance fee for all employers that have an existing Section 218 Agreement. The annual maintenance fee is based on the number of employees currently employed with your agency.



Moorhen Marsh Receives Prestigious CASA Award

Mt. View Sanitary District is very pleased to announce that the Moorhen Marsh Western Pond Turtle Habitat Enhancement Project was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Capital Project by the California Association of Sanitary Agencies (CASA) for 2019.

Moorhen Marsh, constructed in 1974, was the first wetland on the West Coast to use treated effluent as its primary water source. MVSD produced the Moorhen Marsh Management Plan (2013), which called for significant improvements to the historic constructed treatment wetland.

These improvements became the recently completed Moorhen Marsh Western Pond Turtle Habitat Enhancement Project. The two-year project provided: 1) improvements including pond excavation/deepening, levee reconstruction, replacement of water control structures, wetland to riparian habitat enhancements, additional basking habitat for western pond turtles, and nesting habitat for herons, and 2) improved visitor access and facility upgrades, including a new ADA-compliant pathway and boardwalk, viewing platform, and additional improvements.



A western pond turtle basks in the sun at Moorhen Marsh.



Special District Leadership Foundation is now a part of Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you already know. The same products, same prices, same service, but with the added joy of supporting (SDLF)!

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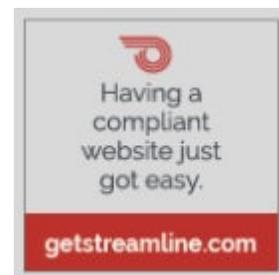
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Awarded CASA Excellence in Public Outreach/Education

Pipe Protectors Student Education Program

The 2019 Awards of Excellence from the California Association of Sanitary Agencies (CASA) included the Excellence in Public Outreach/Education to Contra Costa Central Sanitary District for the Pipe Protectors Student Education Program. The Pipe Protectors was designed to fill a void in current wastewater student education, as Kindergarten through 2nd grade programming simply does not exist. As more of our schools fully transition to the Next Generation Science Standards, the need for high quality learning activities for all age groups becomes paramount.



As part of this effort, Central San wanted to create a program with accessible characters that young students could relate to. Central San felt it was especially important that our characters were representative of the heterogeneous community of students in our service area.



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Mark your calendars with our future Chapter Meeting Date

~January 27, 2020~

The January meeting will be our bi-annual elections of officers.

Plan to come early there will be a meet and greet opportunity to network, with refreshments available.

🕒 Meeting begins at 10:00 AM

We will meet at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Collection System Operations building (CSO) located at: 1250 Springbrook Road in Walnut Creek, Ca.

We suggest you review a map for precise directions.

From I-680 Southbound

Follow I-680 South to Olympic Blvd in Walnut Creek, turn left at bottom of the ramp.

Continue on Olympic Blvd.

Take Alpine Rd on the left, and left on Mt Diablo Blvd

Turn right onto Camino Diablo then right onto Springbrook Rd

From I-680 Northbound

Follow I-680 N to Olympic Blvd in Walnut Creek.

Take the State Route 24/Olympic Blvd exit from I-680 N

Use the right lane to take the State Route 24/Olympic Blvd exit toward Oakland/Lafayette

Take Alpine Rd, Mt Diablo Blvd and Camino Diablo to Springbrook Rd

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