General Manager’s Message

Fall is a special time of year, as nature begins to prepare for winter. CVSan has been preparing as well, with significant improvements to our Bay-Friendly Landscape and demonstration garden. We have planted new native flowers, mulched the ground cover, and refreshed our signage. CVSan has long promoted Bay-Friendly Landscaping because it reduces the amount of yard waste that ends up in green organics carts. If you have not yet taken the time to experience our Bay-Friendly Landscape, now is a great time. The next time you find yourself near our office on Marshall Street, stop in to say hello, enjoy our surroundings, and maybe jot down the name of a plant or two that would look good in your yard. To learn more about Bay-Friendly Landscaping, visit www.CVSan.org/BFL.

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

Your New Hauler Is...

Alameda County Industries (ACI) will begin providing recycling, organics, and garbage collection and processing services in the CVSan service area on May 1, 2019 for the next 10 years. ACI is a privately-owned company based in San Leandro. CVSan selected ACI because their proposal provided the best overall value for the community. Residents, businesses, and schools will begin receiving more information in the coming months. If you have plastic cart service, you will keep the existing carts. If you have metal bin service, new bins will be delivered during April and May, and Waste Management bins will be removed.

CVSan is going Paperless!

From purchasing recycled paper, to becoming an Alameda County Green Business, to maintaining Bay-Friendly Landscaping, CVSan takes pride in reducing its impact on the environment. CVSan’s newest sustainability project is: going paperless. The Wastewater Department made changes to its maintenance work order process, which resulted in a dramatic 85% reduction in paper use. CVSan looks forward to decreasing its paper usage even more in the future.

Zero Waste Week 2019

Thank you, Castro Valley residents, for making 2018’s Zero Waste Week events an overwhelming success! To build on this enthusiasm, CVSan is working on the next Zero Waste Week, scheduled for February 4-9, 2019. We plan to include fun and engaging activities such as a fruit gleaning event, a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) recycled art workshop, a Zero Waste personal care workshop, a Fixit Clinic, and more.

For more on Zero Waste Week, and to RSVP for events, please visit www.CVSan.org/ZeroWaste.

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Private Sewer Lateral Program Starts July 2019

Beginning on July 1, 2019, CVSan’s Ordinance No. 179, establishing the Private Sewer Lateral program, will go into effect. This program requires all residential, commercial, and industrial properties within CVSan’s service area to have a private sewer lateral compliance certificate when they are sold. This compliance certificate shows that the property’s private sewer lateral is in good working order.

If your property has a private sewer lateral that was built less than 30 years ago, or at least 50% of the private sewer lateral was replaced in the last 10 years, your property has a compliance certificate.

If your property’s private sewer lateral does not fall into the two categories described, you will be required to have it inspected by closed circuit television (CCTV) prior to the property’s sale. If the private sewer lateral passes the CCTV inspection, the property will receive its compliance certificate. If the CCTV inspection shows that the private sewer lateral needs to be replaced or repaired, the work must be completed, and then approved by an authorized CVSan inspector before the property is sold. For more information please visit www.CVSan.org/PSL.

Nutrient Removal Project Update

CVSan and Oro Loma Sanitary District (OLSD) have begun their $19.5 million Wet Weather Outfall and Nutrient Optimization Project, which is focused on upgrading existing facilities and installing new equipment at the Castro Valley/Oro Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The enhancements will improve the health of the San Francisco Bay by increasing the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus that can be removed from wastewater. This is important because treated water from the WWTP is discharged directly into the San Francisco Bay, and often high levels of these nutrients can cause algae blooms. CVSan and OLSD anticipate that there will be stricter wastewater nutrient level regulations in the future, so this project is designed to proactively address these new standards.

Holiday Tree Reminders

Holiday trees may be set out on your collection day during the weeks of January 7-11 and 14-18, 2019. Please remove ornaments, tinsel, nails, and stands, and cut trees that are over six feet tall. Flocked trees will be collected, but not composted. Single-family residents set out trees curbside; multi-family residents place trees in your building’s general collection area or enclosure. After the two-week collection period, holiday trees must be cut up and placed inside the green organics cart for collection.

Keep FOG out of Drains this Holiday Season

There’s no place like home for the holidays! To keep your holiday time from being interrupted by an unpleasant sewer backup, be sure to follow these simple steps to keep fats, oils, and grease (FOG) out of the drains:

• Pour all cooking grease into a separate container or the green organics cart.
• Use a paper towel to wipe out grease from pots and pans, putting the towel in the green organics cart.
• Do the same for the dinner plates before washing them.
• Consider saving your used cooking oil and recycling it at CVSan’s Recycles Day event on April 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Canyon Middle School.

And...Enjoy the holidays!

Don’t Let Balloons Go

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, balloons are a big problem: “Birds, turtles, and other animals mistake balloons for food, which can harm or kill them. In addition, many animals can become entangled in balloon strings, which can strangle them or hurt their feet and hands.” Balloons, when let go (intentionally or accidentally), can land many miles away from developed areas. For example, more than a hundred balloons were recently collected at a wildlife refuge in New Jersey at a cleanup event! Please reconsider using balloons. More information at www.BalloonsBlow.org/Alternatives/.