As we move into spring and life leaps forth once again, a lot is happening at CVSan. First, we have a new Board Member, Melody Appleton, who replaces long-time Board Member Harry Francis. Secondly, CVSan has been recognized by a statewide organization for our outstanding safety record of no lost time due to accidents for more than five years.

Just recently, CVSan once again conducted its Earth Day clean-up and beautification event in late April. In May, we will participate in the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade and in July, the Eden Hospital Run to the Lake event.

We truly enjoy being a part of this wonderful community and look forward to these and other events that make Castro Valley a great place to live and work. If you get a chance, come out and join the fun!

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

Master Plan Repair Project Design

CVSan’s engineering department is proceeding with a Master Plan repair project that encompasses over 65 small spot repairs and/or line replacements. The repairs are necessary to eliminate cracked or sagging pipe joints, which contribute to increased maintenance costs and risk of blockages. These repairs have been identified as the most critical spot repairs or line replacements necessary to maintain an adequately functioning sewer. The repair projects are located in streets and easements throughout Castro Valley. Construction will begin this summer and is expected to be completed in winter 2014.

Collection System Maintenance: Profiles in Achievement

CVSan’s Collection System Maintenance Department is pleased to announce that all five of its staff members are NASSCO Pipeline Assessment & Certification Program (PACP) certified. The program ensures that field operators have demonstrated the ability to perform highly skilled assessment and analysis of the wastewater collection system in its entirety — much to the benefit of the community. Often overlooked in its importance, the wastewater collection (and treatment) system is an essential component of maintaining the high quality of life and health enjoyed throughout Castro Valley and the surrounding Bay Area. We pride ourselves on our ability to inspect and document the condition of this valuable infrastructure effectively.
Fight FOG to Control Costs and Overflows

Not all businesses are created equal when it comes to the need to monitor and treat liquid waste. Restaurants and commercial kitchens discharge higher-than-normal amounts of food waste containing fats, oils, and grease (FOG). These food by-products can congeal in the sewer pipes and create obstructions that cause the sewer system to overflow. Spills are harmful to the environment and require costly cleanup. Commercial food preparation facilities usually install a grease interceptor that captures and stores the FOG for professional recycling. Protecting the environment from toxic sewer by-products can congeal in the sewer pipes and create obstructions that cause the sewer system to overflow. Spills are harmful to the environment and require costly cleanup.

Recycling & Garbage Bill News

Rates and Overdue Payments

Rates: At the May 7, 2013 Board of Directors meeting and Public Hearing, the Board approved rates effective July 1, 2013 that include a 2.9 percent increase. For single-family residents (four units or fewer), you may have noticed this quarter’s recycling and garbage bill includes three lines of monthly rates, plus an additional fourth line that reads “Credit for June.” This quarter your bill calculates the month of June at the old rate (“Credit for June”) and the months of July and August at the new rate, effective July 1, 2013. Next quarter your bill will reflect the new rate.

Overdue Payments: The Board has taken steps to ensure all residents are paying for the services they receive. Effective July 1, 2012, bills more than 90 days are considered delinquent and subject to a Special Assessment process. This process includes several notices, an Administrative Hearing, and collection on tax bills as the last resort. Visit www.cvsan.org for complete details.

Maintenance and Inspection, Long-term Commitment and Attention to Detail

CVSan’s Maintenance and Inspection program is a critical component in its efforts to keep sewers flowing smoothly and reduce the occurrence of overflows. Each pipeline and manhole in the system is cleaned and inspected at least once every five years. Details of the pipes, such as any defects that may have been observed, or the flow conditions — even the number of active service connections — are recorded and stored electronically. The information obtained from field operators is made available through CVSan’s information management software. CVSan has maintenance records spanning the past 15 years. These records, and the details they contain, are used to plan future maintenance activity and the construction of new sewers.

Lateral Replacement Grant Program Info

The LRGP for the 2012/2013 fiscal year was very successful. To date CVSan has paid out approximately $43,000 (6%) of our program funding, with the remaining $7,000 currently obligated to qualified residents. The next cycle of LRGP funding will begin on Monday, July 8, 2013 at CVSan’s Capital Improvements office, located in the Village at 20211 Patio Drive, Suite 200. CVSan has allotted $50,000 for the program for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

For complete program details or to obtain an application, please visit www.cvsan.org/grants or call CVSan at (510) 606-1300.

LeaRsH at a Free CVSan Workshop

Having trouble sorting all of those recyclables and compostables? Curious about what to do with plastic sandwich bags, broken glass, straws, bottles caps, and other confusing items? Have you always wanted to know where everything goes but couldn’t attend our Davis Street Transfer Station Tour? Then come to the CVSan workshop on Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an in-depth look at the 4 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot. All ages are welcome, and the first 10 attendees will receive a free reusable cloth bag! Please visit www.cvsan.org/learn for more information and to register.

Got a Story to Tell CV? CVSAN WANTS TO KNOW

In 2014 Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan), will celebrate 75 years of serving the Castro Valley community. We are compiling stories and images of “CVSan Back Then” dating back to 1939. If you know someone (it could be you) or something that should be featured in our 2014 CVSan 75th Anniversary Calendar, please contact us. Stories, photos, documents, flyers/publicity are welcome. If you have anything you’d like to share relating to CVSan and its 75-year history, please contact us as soon as possible at (510) 537-0757 or 75th@cvsan.org.

MPPI-P2 Bid Results

On January 22, 2013, CVSan received and reviewed bids for the upcoming Master Plan Priority 1 Phase 2 project (MPPI-P2). MPPI-P2 is a collection of critical sewer repairs at five sites spread across Castro Valley. The repair locations are: Gordon Road between Lockridge and Redwood Road, an easement between Santa Maria Ave and Woodbine Ave; Strobridge Ave between I-580 and Sweet Lane, Lake Chabot Road at Castro Valley Boulevard; and Seven Hills Road between Redwood Road and Pepper Street. Three bidders responded to CVSan’s call for bids, and the lowest qualified bidder was J&M, Inc., with a bid of $799,997. Construction on this project will be completed in June. Please visit CVSan’s website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates.

Cart Recall Report

During November through December 2012, CVSan’s cart manufacturer, Rehrig Pacific Company, completed a voluntary Manufacturer’s Cart Recall at no cost to CVSan or its community. Over 40,000 carts were inspected, and 12,251 carts were swapped. A big “thank you” to CVSan residents for placing all three carts curbside and leaving them out to be inspected during the designated weeks. Your participation helped make the process smooth and successful. The exchange of the affected carts extends the life of CVSan’s carts and benefits our community. Rehrig recycled the old carts.

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