CVSan’s "Reduce Your Waste Size" program won 2 first place awards from the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO). The awards were accepted by Solid Waste Supervisor Naomi Lue (shown below). The program also won a special honorable mention from the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), and a second place award from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

The Reduce Your Waste Size program encourages residents to decrease their garbage collection service to a 20-gallon cart. By reducing cart size, residents lower their bills, receive a $50 credit, and decrease the amount of debris going to the landfill.

We are especially proud of program participants who made the decision to use the 20-gallon carts prior to this program's implementation. These awards belong to our community, not just CVSan. With your support, CVSan is an award-winning organization. Thank you!

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager
Castro Valley Used Motor Oil Filter Exchange Program

Do you change your own motor oil? Are you a single-family resident? Don’t forget the filter! Please notify Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (WMAC) at least 24 hours before setting out your used motor oil filter for recycling. Afterwards, you will receive a coupon in the mail from CVSan for a new filter. Call WMAC’s Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (510) 537-5500. You must set out your used motor oil filter for recycling at the curb in order to receive the coupon, which is valued at $10.00 and expires October 20, 2012.

Sewer Problems? Call Us First!

When you look at the back of what otherwise is a relatively non-descript CVSan box truck, you will notice the slogan “Report Sewer PROBLEMS” displayed prominently across the roll-up panel door. This slogan is intended to alert residents and business owners to contact CVSan when faced with a sewer problem, like a toilet or bathtub that is backing up. So, Call Us First and we will be glad to connect you with knowledgeable CVSan personnel. Having CVSan investigate the problem first could save you an expensive visit from a local plumber or “rooter” service. If necessary, CVSan will visit your home or business to determine whether we can address the sewer problem ourselves. The call and site visit are both free of charge. If we determine that the problem is in the public sewer line rather than a failure of your home’s sewer lateral, we will fix it.

California’s New Mandatory Recycling Law

Effective July 1, 2012, California Assembly Bill 341 requires all businesses and multi-family complexes that generate four cubic yards or more of garbage per week, to arrange for recycling services. CVSan offers a variety of free resources to help these customers recycle. These resources include:

- Site Assessments
- Containers, Signs and Trainings
- Collection Events
- Food Scrap Recycling Program Set-Up
- Funding Opportunities

Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc.’s Recycling Coordinator can provide you with information about whether your business is already in compliance with the law or, if not, how you can start or improve your commercial recycling program in Castro Valley. You can reach the Coordinator at 510-613-8751.

School Custodians Recognized for Their Work with School Programs

On June 20, 2012 at Marshall Elementary School, CVSan held the first School Custodian Recognition Award Luncheon. Custodians at Castro Valley schools really go the extra mile to support recycling and waste reduction programs. CVSan and school staff recognized them for their efforts.

The awards included the following:
1. The Dan Curry Custodial Program Manager of the Year Award: Matt Dunn and Dan Poulos of Independent Elementary School (shown at right with CVSan’s General Manager Roland Williams);

Congratulations and thank you to all school custodians for all that you do!

CSRMA Award for Safety

The California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA) recently presented CVSan with the 2010/2011 Worker’s Compensation Award in Excellence for a Small Agency. CSRMA provides risk management services to its public agency members. President of the Board, Ralph Johnson, announced the award, which was given in recognition of CVSan’s outstanding safety record, including no loss time due to work place injury for over five years. To win the award, CSRMA audited CVSan to document CVSan’s safety training policies and procedures.

CVSan at Work: Project Updates

CVSan staff is working diligently to plan, design, and construct several projects as part of our infrastructure improvement program called the Master Plan Projects.

These construction projects are located at various sites within Castro Valley. Measures to minimize impacts on area residents were planned during the design process and will be implemented during construction. If additional impacts become apparent during construction, CVSan will take safe and appropriate measures to mitigate the impact. CVSan will alert residents and business owners when more specific details of the projects are available. In the meantime, please visit our website at www.cvsan.org/engineering for a map of upcoming project locations.

Electrical Improvement Increases Reliability

Earlier this summer, CVSan completed a control panel rehabilitation and improvement project at a pump station on Mira Vista Place (also known as Pump Station 5). CVSan worked diligently with the contractor to minimize disturbance to residents during construction. This project consisted of the relocating the control panel from a below-ground vault to an above-ground control panel enclosure unit. This improvement allows the CVSan maintenance crew with better access to the control panel. The updated equipment also increases reliability at this pump station. Improvements at pump stations are necessary to ensure that sufficient service and operability is maintained during storms, power outages, and natural disasters.