General Manager’s Message

An eventful summer is coming to an end, and as we look to the upcoming fall season, we can reflect on our accomplishments. CVSan has been busy keeping the wastewater infrastructure in good working order, installing a new pump station forcemain, and replacing and repairing pipelines. We also held another community collection event at Canyon Middle School. It’s all part of CVSan’s ongoing commitment to providing excellent wastewater and solid waste services to Castro Valley. Read on as we share more details about these activities.

CVSan staff will be at the upcoming Fall Festival on September 9th-10th. It’s our 20th year as a regular partner at this community-wide event. Feel free to stop by our booth and ask questions about any of our projects and programs. We enjoy sharing information about CVSan’s initiatives and look forward to seeing you!

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

What Does Zero Waste Mean?

CVSan is a public agency that has long promoted waste reduction to the community through a range of outreach programs—many of them award-winning. Our goal is to reach Zero Waste by 2029. But what does Zero Waste mean? It includes: reducing the amount and harmfulness of waste, conserving materials and recovering them through recycling and composting, and not burning or burying them in landfills. More simply, the principle of Zero Waste can be described by the slogan: Less Stuff. More of What’s Meaningful. What is meaningful to you? Select your path to Zero Waste!

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Construction Update - Pump Station 4

This summer, CVSan made repairs and upgrades at Pump Station 4. The hired contractors replaced an aging forcemain at risk of failure, and installed new equipment at the flume to diminish odors. The work affected a segment of Redwood Road north of Proctor Road, and sections of Camino Alta Mira, Blackberry Lane, and Foxboro Drive. The flume improvements took place at the end of North 3rd Street near the Hayward Senior Center. Please visit www.cvsan.org/projects for more information about our ongoing and upcoming projects.

Flush Only the 3 P’s!

It’s early morning. You’re in a rush to clean out your hairbrush. How convenient to drop that hair in the toilet! But wait! The toilet is not a trash can. Once flushed, hair and many other items are harmful to the sewer system and the environment. What gets flushed may never leave the pipes of your home and could lead to sewer backups. What does leave can damage equipment at the treatment plant. So please flush only the 3 P’s: Pee, Poop, and (toilet) Paper!

Sewer System Management Plan Update

CVSan’s Wastewater staff is continuing to implement important aspects of the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). The SSMP is a mission critical document that guides how CVSan manages, operates, and maintains the sewer system on a day-to-day basis. It is also used to plan field drills to help staff prepare for emergencies, like power outages, severe storm events or earthquakes, which could impair the sewer system. These drills provide invaluable experience and help staff be better prepared to get our sewer system operational again.

Teams Join Forces to Retrieve Lost Tool

CVSan’s Collection System Maintenance crew often has to clear pipelines of kids’ toys, construction debris, and other obstructions. This past May, CVSan had to retrieve one of its own tools—a Warthog spinning nozzle, used on the Sewer Cleaning and Vacuum Truck. During a maintenance operation the nozzle got stuck in a sewer line, accessible only from a manhole buried in CVHS’s Varsity Baseball field.

With help from the Video Inspection team, the crew located the buried manhole, dug down to its lid to gain access, retrieved the nozzle, and left the area looking almost like before. Here’s to teamwork!

Food Share Feeds Students, Prevents Waste

Good sharing at school is a great way to reduce wasted lunchtime food and feed hungry students. Not all students eat every item they are required to take from the lunch line. At the same time, other students may need more than they are served. Most Castro Valley schools are now bridging this gap with food share tables, where students place unwanted or uneaten food or beverage items aside for others to take. To learn more, check out the guidelines on food share tables published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at www.fns.usda.gov/use-share-tables-child-nutrition-programs.

Upcoming Pipe Repairs

CVSan and our consultants are busy planning upcoming sewer mainline repair and replacement projects so we can start collecting bids for the work. This year we are combining two years of projects into one larger effort to complete the improvements as efficiently as possible. The pipeline repairs and replacements are happening throughout Castro Valley. If your property is affected or if the repair will take place on your street, you will receive a notification letter in the coming months.

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