General Manager’s Message

As I write this message, the Country continues to go through the current economic woes. We are all feeling the effects of the economic downturn in the way business gets done and organizations keep performing the missions they were established to provide. The Castro Valley Sanitary District is no different. We at the Sanitary District are very focused on meeting the Mission Statement approved by our Board of Directors even in these difficult times. The Mission Statement is as follows:

“We are committed to safe, efficient and effective wastewater and solid waste management. We promote waste diversion and recycling, education and practices. We strive for public satisfaction through quality service, reasonable rates and proper stewardship of our resources and the environment.”

The District has recently received a lot of attention concerning fees for sewer service connection and solid waste service charges. The first, the sewer service connection fees, are assessed on every new connection or change in use to be connected to the public sanitary sewer system. This is done to fairly charge a fee for service and not burden other sectors of the community with costs associated with that action. This is why we have one of the lowest sewer service charges in Alameda County. However, this does mean that we have a higher sewer connection fee than surrounding agencies. This method was established after a comprehensive rate study was conducted in 2001 and again in 2006.

The District also recently launched a new solid waste services agreement that started on May 1, 2009. The new agreement is the culmination of a three-year process that included more than a dozen public meetings. The new contract, while higher than the previous contract from 2001, is reasonable given the cost of service, as represented by a competitive bid process where Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. was the low bidder, and the enhanced services in the new agreement.

These and other business decisions by the District allow full adherence to the Mission Statement while maintaining a bottom line that will enable us to be solvent for many years to come. Lastly, the District will be conducting additional public meetings to explain fees and rates and how customers can optimize their service levels. The next meeting has been scheduled for September 15, 2009 and we hope to see you in the future.

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager
Donations Available

Compostable serveware, Clear-streams, recycling containers, Slim Jims, drop boxes from WMAC, biodegradable bags for shredded documents, food scrap recycling bags, reusable tote bags, signage identifying carts or containers, Wonder Grow compost, mulch, recycled currency pencils, funnels, pens, Used Oil DVD, and activity/coloring books are examples of donations available at the District through grant programs and Measure D and Used Oil funding. Recent recipients include A Shepherd’s Heart Christian School, Advanced Pain Management, Bay Scout Troop 702, CV Autohaus, CV Rotary, CV Track Club, Coffee Cup Café, Eagle Scout project, Fast Frame, Growing Years Day Camp, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Independent, Jensen Ranch, & Palomares Schools, Interco Real Estate Services, Highland Place Cooperative, Jack Brain, Palomares HOA, and The Style Co.

The District assists businesses, organizations and schools in their recycling endeavors and outreach programs. If you or your organization/business would like to make a request, please obtain a Donation Request form at www.cvcsan.org, or at the CVSD office at 21040 Marshall Street. Please submit your application at least one month prior to your event. Donations above $1,000 are reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors.

Recycling Saves Businesses $$$

With the new rate structure, businesses are able to reduce their overall rate by taking advantage of the bundled garbage and recycling service and reduced rates for organics. Small businesses that recycle & compost can cut their bills in half under the new rate structure.

Here’s a restaurant example:

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As of May 1, 2009, the 1 cu. yard rate includes 1 cu. yard of Garbage AND 1 cu. yard of Recycling = 2 cu. yards. A business can reduce their bill from $199.65 to $86.44 by composting food scraps and recycling. We can help you set up a successful program and rebalance your rates. Contact the Waste Management Recycling Coordinator at 530-613-8751 for a free site assessment.

CVSD Staff Awards & Certifications

Elliott Johnson received the “PICKS” (Promoting Innovations, Communications, Knowledge & Support) Award from the San Francisco Bay Section of the California Water Environment Association recognizing service to the Collection System Committee and its goal of training for collection system personnel, the association community and environment.

Michelle Jeffery met the Solid Waste Association of North America’s eligibility requirements, passing a comprehensive examination, and designated a “Certified Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management Technical Associate.”

Elliott Johnson, Greg Williams, Kevin Dip and Tyree Jackson received certification from NASSCO (National Association of Sewer Service Companies) setting industry standards for the rehabilitation of underground pipelines.

Pat Krevey received a Certificate of Professional Development in Costing Government Services from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Elliott Johnson received the Special District & Board Management Institute Certificate of Completion in Special District Leadership & Management.

Solid Waste Tip of the Quarter

Recycle your auto fluids & motor oil filters curbside.

Did you know that motor oil never wears out? It just gets dirty! Motor oil and other automotive fluids can be re-refined into “good as new” oil for cars and trucks. Call WMAC at (510) 557-5500 to request a free used motor oil jug and filter bag.

Single-family residents can set out up to 3 jugs and 3 filters curbside for pick-up on your regular collection day. The following fluids are accepted: oil to combine in jugs:

YES: Crankcase fluid, differential fluid, hydraulic fluid, lubricant oil, motor oil, and transmission fluid.

NO: Anti-freeze or brake fluid.

Multi-family residents can take automotive fluids and filters to a local Certified Collection Center in Castro Valley. Visit www.cvcsan.org for locations.

Earth Day Report

The District presented its 10th annual Earth Day event, “Go Green, CV Clean!” on April 25, 2009. A volunteer lunch at Lake Chabot followed the Community Clean-Up.

640 volunteers removed 8 cubic yards of litter and 45 cubic yards of yard trimmings at 16 sites, including 9 school sites. Volunteers received an event t-shirt made of 50% post-consumer recycled plastic bottles and 50% post-industrial unbleached recycled cotton, and made in the U.S.A.

Public sites included Castro Valley Creek, Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Area, Greenridge Park, Lake Chabot Regional Park, and the BART Parking Lot. School sites included Canyon Middle, Castro Valley Adult, Castro Valley Elementary, Chabot Elementary, Independent Elementary, Our Lady of Grace, Proctor Elementary, Stanton Elementary, and Vanity Elementary.

Thank you to our sponsors: Alameda County Public Works Agency, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, East Bay Regional Park District, Lake Chabot Fishing Outfitters, and Waste Management of Alameda County.