**General Manager’s Message**

Welcome to 2014, Castro Valley! This year CVSan turns 75 years old. CVSan came into existence in 1939 when Castro Valley’s main industry was agriculture — mostly chicken farms and orchards. Since then, Castro Valley has developed into one of the more desirable places to live in the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area. When we think about Castro Valley today, great neighborhoods and schools are top of mind.

We believe CVSan has played a part in the wonderful quality of life here. Efficient and effective wastewater and solid waste services are critical to a pleasant and thriving community. We have been doing this for the past 75 years and plan to continue this important work well into the future. Look for information on CVSan’s 75th anniversary celebration and other events coming up soon. Let’s all make it a great year!

Roland P. Williams, Jr.  
General Manager

**Grant Program Making History!**

CVSan’s Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) is currently in its 15th year, and we’re proud to say we have hit a new milestone. For the first time in LRGP history, we were able to provide funding to 50% of the residents on a single street! Word of mouth by happy neighbors allowed us to grant nearly $14,000 to residents on Dorson Lane to help defray the costs associated with replacing lateral sewer lines.

For more information about CVSan’s LRGP, please visit www.cvsan.org/grants or call us Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at (510) 606-1300.

**Pump Station Tour**

Recently CVSan staff, CAC members, and members of the Board of Directors had an opportunity to visit several of the wastewater pumping stations located throughout our service area. Board members were able to see first-hand the status of these critical assets as well as what CVSan staff is doing to improve the systems and to ensure that they remain operational at all times. A special highlight was the recently renovated lift station located on Mira Vista Drive. The $100,000 rehabilitation project made the station safer to maintain, more reliable and compliant with regulations. This tour was a great way for CVSan to showcase some of its more visible assets and demonstrate their hard-earned dollars at work.

**FOllow CvSan**

Like Castro Valley Sanitary District on Facebook or follow @CVSan on Twitter.
Earth Day Event to Support Local Charities

Mark your calendars for CVSan’s annual “Go Green, CV Clean!” Earth Day event on Saturday, April 26, 2014. In 2013, Earth Day volunteers cleaned up Castro Valley by donating their time. They also earned approximately $2,585 for local charities in Castro Valley. This year, volunteers can do the same! Each volunteer will have the opportunity to select one of three local charitable organizations to receive $5 on their behalf. Thank you for making our annual “Go Green, CV Clean!” Earth Day event a huge success! Please go to www.cvsan.org/ED for more information and to register as a volunteer.

Zero Waste Workshops

Would you like to learn more about what “Zero Waste” means, and help to shape its future in Castro Valley? On February 20th, CVSan will host a free Sustainable Citizen Workshop, followed by a free Zero Waste Workshop on March 13th. All are welcome and workshops will be held at CVSan offices on Marshall Street. Further details posted at www.cvsan.org/ZeroWaste.

Progress on Overflow Reduction

Preventing sewer overflows is a core component of CVSan’s purpose and mission. Our team works year-round to develop or improve projects and programs designed to ensure that the system operates effectively and efficiently at all times. In reality, no system is perfect, and CVSan manages the system better than most other agencies. In 2013, CVSan saw a reduction of more than 43% in the total volume of sewer overflows. By investigating the causes and reviewing response activity, we have been able to substantially lessen the impact of overflows. We work tirelessly towards our goal of eliminating overflows and reviewing each event and making necessary changes has led to tremendous improvement.

Knowing Our Flow

CVSan staff is continuing its wet weather flow monitoring program throughout this rainy season. Flow meters measure the movement of wastewater through the sewer pipes and record the data around the clock. With a relatively dry winter last year and this year, CVSan is looking to supplement past flow monitoring results with more flow data. The goal of the program is to determine if additional capacity improvement projects are needed. The monitoring began last December and runs through the early spring of this year.

Remember the 2nd R & Reuse Those Bags

The paper bags you pay for at the grocery store can add up to a lot of cash and a lot of resources used. Instead, put into practice the first two Rs of the 4Rs — Reduce (use less) and Reuse — by bringing your own bags to the store. CVSan gave away a number of durable cloth bags made in San Francisco from scrap fabric (see picture at right) during 2013 and plans to give away more during 2014. Watch for news of our upcoming give-away events at www.cvsan.org, and thank you to those who pledged to reuse their bags!

Multi-Family Food Scrap Recycling

Castro Valley is home to more than 160 multi-family complexes (apartments). In the last two years, CVSan has seen a 25% increase in multi-family food scrap recycling participation! If you want to continue the trend at your apartment or condo building, CVSan has the resources to help. We provide a variety of support, including tenant trainings, free signs showing “what goes where” and food scrap pails that you can provide to tenants for free.

It’s easy to “feed the green!” Call CVSan today to find out more, or visit our website at www.cvsan.org/multi-family.

Construction Progress Update

CVSan staff worked recently to complete a sewer repair construction project at various locations throughout Castro Valley. The contract for the repairs was with Ranger Pipelines, Inc. of San Francisco. The repairs varied in length from four feet to over 500 feet. A majority of the repairs were in the public streets, with a few in easements located in the side yards of some residents. The project’s goal was to reduce maintenance costs as well as lower the chances of blockage in sewer pipes. The CVSan engineering staff is constantly working to identify and eliminate or reduce the likelihood of system failure. For updates on upcoming sewer-related construction projects in Castro Valley, please visit our website at www.cvsan.org/engineering.