Thank you for taking the time to read the winter edition of the CVSan Pipeline. We know that thinking about your wastewater system and solid waste collection services are not always on the top of your mind. This newsletter is a great way to find out what we are up to. Pipeline strives to provide you with updates on the programs, projects, initiatives, and services you receive. CVSan is always exploring ways to provide the community with innovative ways to reduce waste and efficiently manage its wastewater services at a reasonable cost.

For more information about our activities, visit CVSan.org, give us a call at 510-537-0757, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

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The Appeal of Peels

Before you peel those carrots, potatoes, or apples, rethink your habit of removing the skin from fruit and vegetables. Peels contain important vitamins and minerals, and by eating them, you also prevent waste. Use scraps like corn cobs, mushroom stems, and peels to create soup stock (strain before using).

When you do have to dispose of them, please place peels in your green organics cart. Putting peels down the garbage disposal can result in a messy plumbing problem; the starch from potato peels can create a thick paste and may cause blades to stick.

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For events, news, and helpful tips: Like Castro Valley Sanitary District on Facebook & follow @CVSan on Twitter.
The design plans for CVSan’s upcoming sewer pipeline repair and rehabilitation project are nearly complete. CVSan will be repairing or replacing various old, defective, and undersized pipes throughout Castro Valley. CVSan uses its most recent and up-to-date pipeline inspection video footage to determine which pipes will get repaired or replaced first. In addition, the project includes upsizing about 1,000 feet of pipe to increase capacity of pipelines which may get full during rainy weather. Construction on these repairs is anticipated to begin in early spring and last about four months.

Please visit www.cvsan.org/projects for more information and construction updates.

Wet Weather and the Private Sewer Lateral

With the winter months comes rain, and that means sewer pipes handle a lot more water than usual. This creates a heightened risk of sewer overflows and backups in private lateral sewer lines (the pipe that connects your home to the public sewer system). Property owners can prepare by making sure laterals are equipped with a backflow prevention system. It’s also helpful to prevent clogs by keeping fats, oil, grease, and wipes out of toilets and sinks. Lastly, if you see water coming from a manhole or your backflow prevention system, call us at 510-537-0757 during business hours or 510-506-5821 after hours.

For tips on how to prevent blockages, visit www.cvsan.org/CallUsFirst

Oro Loma/Castro Valley Horizontal Levee Project Is Almost Complete!

Construction of the Horizontal Levee Project remains on budget, and is scheduled for completion in February 2017. The project, designed to protect the Bay from wastewater pollution, includes a “horizontal levee” and an 8-million-gallon diversion basin with a treatment wetland. The diversion basin captures excess rainwater which enters the system, and holds it until the treatment plant has capacity to process the water. It uses a wetland-based treatment year-round. These methods increase the quality of water leaving the plant after treatment. The horizontal levee is a natural barrier to rising seas, and uses native plants to provide habitat and robust flood protection—all at a modest cost, compared to traditional hardened sea barriers, such as concrete sea walls.

For more information on the project, visit oroloma.org/horizontal-levee-project

Sewer Repair Project in the Pipeline

Do you ever wonder what happens after you run water down the drain or flush the toilet? That’s when the local sanitary sewer system takes over. At CVSan, we want you to know that the wastewater system you depend on is operational all day, every day, for your use. CVSan is always on! We’re here, and when you “call us first”—any time of the day—there will be someone on the other end of the line to respond to your sewer emergency.

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