

# Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District

Providing Wastewater Collection and Treatment Services to Protect our Public Health, the Environment and the Bay

## Pardon Our Dust! Major Upgrades Are Protecting the Environment



Groundbreaking for the treatment plant upgrade. Left to right: Jeffrey Kingston, General Manager; Ann Arnott, Director; Bill Ring, Vice President; Dan Rheiner, President; and Director James DeLano. Director Don Beers is not pictured.

## Thank You for Your Patience During Treatment Plant Upgrade

Major Project to Protect the Bay. Work is underway on a two-year, \$26 million project to modernize and improve the capacity of our community's wastewater treatment plant – especially during heavy rainfall, when large amounts of stormwater can enter the sanitary sewers. The upgrades will help ensure that the plant continues to protect public health and the Bay for many years into the future.

#### SAFETY FIRST — please watch for signs and flaggers between the plant and the staging yard.

**Staging Area Within Town.** The treatment plant is located South of the City of Sausalito in Fort Baker National Park, and safe access to the Park will be maintained. Because of the steep hillside where the treatment plant is located, supplies and equipment are being staged within the City at Locust Street and Bridgeway Blvd.



## **Upgrade Completed In-House, Saving Money**

#### Natural Processes Create Energy for the Plant.

The wastewater treatment plant has two large digesters that biodegrade sewage sludge to produce gas and reduce the volume of solids. The gas is recycled to produce energy for the plant.

**Staff Took a Money-Saving and Ambitious Approach** by completing the digester upgrade using in-house resources and talents, saving considerable funds compared to using contractors, and at the same time improving plant reliability.

## Ensuring Your Wastewater System is Always On!

24/7 Reliability. The many hills and valleys in our community require us to pump wastewater from homes and businesses to the treatment plant. To ensure they operate 24/7 without fail, the District undertakes extensive pro-active testing, maintenance, and upgrades on these pumps.



Pump station upgrade underway.

Safer and More Reliable. The District completed a rehabilitation of the pump station on Highway 101, south of Buckeye Restaurant, including the addition of a permanent backup generator for emergency use.

If you have questions about these construction projects, visit our website at smcsd.net or call (415) 332-0244.



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#### **ECRWSS Postal Customer**

#### STAFF ACHIEVES 30 MONTHS WITH NO LOSS-TIME INJURIES

Our crews work in the field and at the treatment plant with heavy equipment, complicated machinery, and confined conditions day-in and day-out. Still, they have achieved a perfect safety record for the last several years. This is good for staff and lowers insurance costs, which helps keep our rates down for customers.



#### **HOW OUR STAFF GOES ABOVE** AND BEYOND TO SERVE YOU

The District recognizes staff who go above and beyond to save money, improve productivity, increase safety, and more with a Service Award. Congratulations to our recent recipients: Omar Arias-Montez, Kevin Beneda, Cathy Bondanza, Kola Brol, Helen Lei, Vince Pasquini, Kevin Rahman, Rob Schmidt, Dillon Stall, and Alex Winnicki.

#### **MAKING TREASURE FROM TRASH**

Combining artistry, recycling and welding, District Associate Engineer Kevin Rahman created the snail sculpture pictured to the right from old wastewater equipment destined for the recycling yard. It was made at his home as a personal project.



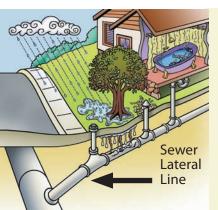
#### GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

At last winter's holiday party, SMCSD directors, employees and guests brought gifts they had purchased on their own for children at Manzanita Children's Center, which provides year-round childcare for low-income children in arades K-5.



The gifts were received with excitement by the children who returned thank-you notes and posters.

Visit the Community Action Marin website to support the Children's Center, or learn more about their wideranging services at: www.camarin.org.



### Get Up to a \$2,000 Grant to Repair Your Lateral

Did you know that many private laterals are cracked or broken, putting homeowners and neighborhoods at risk of sewer backups and spills?

Apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 to repair your private sewer laterals within the unincorporated Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District service area (predominately Marin City). The City of Sausalito has a similar program for property owners within City boundaries. It is important to fill out an application and obtain approval before having any work done. Learn more and take advantage of free repair grants: www.goo.gl/uZxkNA