



# Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District



## KEEP YOUR SINK DRAINS GREASE FREE

Cooking oils and grease can clog house drains and district sewers. Never pour grease down the drain.

**Instead...**

### Can It!!!

Scrape grease and food scraps into a can for disposal. This helps prevent sewer backups that can cause health hazards.

## PLEASE JOIN US

Community Forums will be held to answer your questions and gather community input on the proposed rate changes.

### You're Invited:

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

7:00-9:00 pm

Bay Model Conference Room

*If you have questions about your sanitary service or the proposed rate changes, please call 332-0244.*



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## PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT

*When your household wastewater is drained or flushed, it doesn't just disappear. It is collected in an extensive system of pipelines, and pumped to a plant where it is treated, tested and discharged safely to the Bay — a service that is essential to public health and a healthy environment.*

*This newsletter provides vital information about your sanitary service.*



### Rate Increase Proposed To Pay For Needed Upgrades

Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District has not raised its rates since 1994. The District is proposing rate increases to pay for much needed improvements to the wastewater collection and treatment system.

The new rates:

- Benefit customers by improving the reliability of their sanitary service
- Enhance environmental protection,
- Provide emergency and reserve funds
- Charge customers fairly for the actual cost of their service.





# WE THINK ABOUT YOUR SANITARY SERVICE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO

*Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District has only one job — to provide our customers with quality wastewater service at a reasonable price. We focus all of our knowledge and resources on this single goal. Find below important information about your sanitary service and a proposed rate increase.*

## IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND LOWERING COSTS

### Staff Decrease By 20%

The District has recently implemented a program to cross-train its employees for multiple job functions. The District has also implemented new technology that has made it possible to decrease our already lean staff by 20%, while improving service.

### Goal of \$60,000 Per Year Savings

The District is studying ways to change its quality testing methods. This could lead to a \$60,000 per year reduction in testing costs.

### Engineering Study Shows Need For Upgrades

Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary has retained engineering consultants to review its entire system and develop a plan to maintain it in reliable condition. Their assessment: the half-century old system is generally well maintained, but is aging and requires substantial, ongoing improvements to ensure that it meets standards.



### 50-Year Old System Requires Upgrades

Many parts of the District — including pipelines, pumps and the treatment plant — are one-half century old. The system has served us well for decades, but requires costly upgrades to keep operating safely and reliably.

## NEW RATES PROPOSED TO PAY FOR UPGRADES



### New Rates Needed

Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District has a history of efficient operations and stable rates.

The proposed rates shown below are for a typical homeowner currently paying \$13.33 per month. Business charges are proportional.

### Rates Held Stable For 8 Years

Sanitary bills are collected on the annual property tax bill to cover the cost of treatment. In addition, the City of Sausalito bills its customers for collection of wastewater on the annual property tax bill. Likewise, District customers in unincorporated areas, including Marin City are charged an additional 25% for collection of wastewater. Sanitary District rates have been held steady for

1995 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month  
 1996 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month  
 1997 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month  
 1998 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month  
 1999 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month

2000 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month  
 2001 **No Increase** — \$13.33 month  
 2002 Proposed \$3.07 Monthly Increase  
 2003 Proposed \$3.77 Monthly Increase  
 2004 Proposed \$4.64 Monthly Increase