

SONOMA VALLEY COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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Photo taken on Feb. 28, 1940 shows floodwaters in the Schellville region.
(photo courtesy Sonoma Valley Historical Society)

PUBLIC'S INPUT BEING SOUGHT ON DISASTER PLAN FOR SONOMA VALLEY COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD) is seeking public comment on a draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to increase the reliability of sanitation facilities during natural disasters. Public input on the plan is being accepted during the month of November, when members of the public are encouraged to submit comments. Copies of the LHMP can be viewed online beginning Nov. 2, 2015 at: www.sonomacountywater.org/svlhmp. Public comments will be accepted until Dec. 2, 2015. A public hearing before the SVCSD Board of Directors is scheduled for December 15, 2015. The SVCSD is operated by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency).

"The occurrence of natural disasters such as flooding, landslides, fires, and earthquakes—all relatively common in Sonoma County—can result in enormous cost to communities. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will form the foundation for a long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses," said Water Agency and SVCSD Director Susan Gorin.

The SVCSD initially conducted a Natural Hazard Reliability Assessment (NHRA) to identify potential damage to existing infrastructure from local hazards including earthquakes, wildfires, landslides and floods. The second phase of the project

was to develop a LHMP that incorporates strategies to minimize damage from those disasters.

Mitigation measures in the Plan focus on increasing the reliability of sanitation facilities in order to protect public health, property, and natural resources. This Plan is intended to provide a framework for decision-makers to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters through the use of risk-based analysis.

The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District began operations in 1953 and serves 17,027 Equivalent Single-Family Dwellings within a 4,500-acre service area. The treatment plant has a design capacity of 3 million gallons per day and treats wastewater to tertiary treatment levels.

Comments on the LHMP should be submitted by e-mail to jake.spaulding@scwa.ca.gov or mailed to Jake Spaulding, c/o Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Copies of the LHMP will be available for viewing at the Sonoma County Water Agency office at 404 Aviation Blvd. and at the Sonoma branch of the Sonoma Valley Regional Library, 755 West Napa Street, Sonoma, CA 95476. For board agendas, visit: www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos.

For questions about the LHMP, contact Jake Spaulding at 707-524-8373 or jake.spaulding@scwa.ca.gov.



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REBATES:

Clothes washer: Receive up to \$50 back on the purchase and installation of a new, qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer (HEW). Rebates are available for all Energy Star Most Efficient listed clothes washers except those containing silver ion technology. A \$75 rebate may also be available from PG&E. Visit www.wateroff.org for more information.

Toilet: Get up to \$150 back on the purchase and installation of each new, qualifying high-efficiency toilet (HET) from the List of Qualifying Models. How to Participate: Rebates on high-efficiency toilets are available on a first-come, first-served basis while funding lasts. Visit www.sonomacountywater.org/rebates for more information.

High-efficiency fixture direct install: A limited number of high-efficiency fixture retrofits, including toilet, urinal, faucet aerator and showerhead replacements, are offered at no cost to eligible properties. Download rebate application forms and learn more at www.sonomacountywater.org/direct-install or call 707- 547-1918.



SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Over the last decade there is growing evidence that pharmaceuticals, when flushed down the toilet, tend to persist in highly treated wastewater. Continual, multi-generational exposure of aquatic life to multiple pharmaceuticals has negative consequences on our environment.

The Sonoma County Water Agency is sponsoring the Safe Medicine Disposal program to allow for the safe disposal of unused and unwanted medications. Bring unwanted medications (in original containers with personal information marked out) to any participating location for safe disposal during business hours. To view Drop-Off Locations and see what medications are accepted, visit www.safemedicinedisposal.org.

RECYCLED WATER FILL STATION COMES TO SONOMA VALLEY

The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District opened a Residential Recycled Water Fill Station this summer near the wastewater treatment plant on 8th Street East, which provides free recycled water for irrigation purposes. For more information and an application, visit: www.sonomacountywater.org/svcscd.



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