

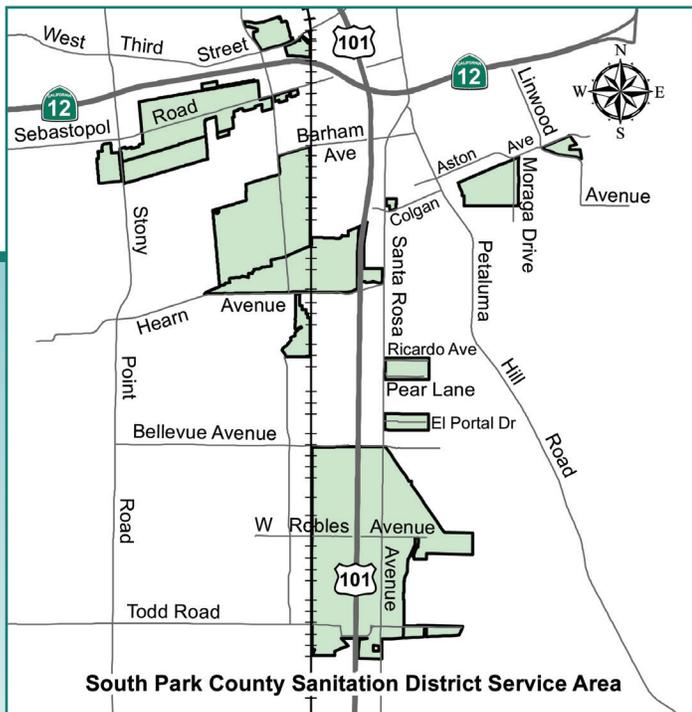
# SOUTH PARK COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT **NEWS**

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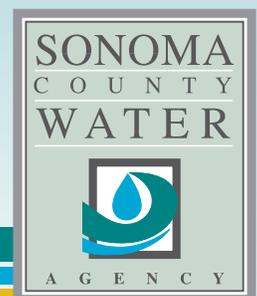
Crews are replacing aging sewer infrastructure in the South Park County Sanitation District. For more information, see page 2.



## About Your Sanitation District

During a 1995 restructuring of the Sonoma County government, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) assumed responsibility for managing and operating eight different sanitation districts and zones, including the South Park County Sanitation District (Sanitation District).

The collection system serves approximately 3,894 Equivalent Single-Family Dwellings within a 1,460-acre service area. ●



## October Start Date for Project to Replace Aging Sewer and Water Infrastructure

A South Park County Sanitation District project to replace aging sewer infrastructure will result in improvements to public and environmental health. Specifically, the groundwater inflow and infiltration rate entering through the old collection system will be decreased, rising maintenance expenses associated with broken and eroded pipe will be reduced, and sewage backups and overflows will be alleviated.

A contract was awarded in August for the “Gloria Drive - Meekland Court Collection System Replacement and Gloria Drive & Valerie Way Water Main Replacement Project.” Construction is scheduled to begin in October, with an estimated completion date of July 2014.

The work will include, but is not limited to, replacing approximately 6,474 feet of existing 6-inch and 8-inch sewer pipe with 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe sewer main and appurtenant laterals, manholes and sewer main cleanouts; replacing approximately 2,103 feet of 4-inch water

main with 8-inch PVC pipe water main and appurtenances, water services, permanent blow-off, and new fire hydrants; trenching; traffic control; and road surface repairs.

All work on the sewage collection system and water main replacement project is located in unincorporated areas outside of the city limits of Santa Rosa within public right-of-ways and acquired easements. The work will take place in portions of Gloria Drive, West Avenue, Camellia Court, Valerie Way, Metaxa Court, Southwood Drive, Leo Drive, Meekland Court, Dutton Avenue, and Mathwig Drive.

The end result of the project will be two-fold: prevention of potential public health and safety hazards and meeting or exceeding environmental regulations and public health standards.

Costs of the \$4.6 million project will be partially offset by grant funding and revenue from the City of Santa Rosa Cooperative Funding Agreement.

For more information, contact Dennis Daly, Principal Engineer, Construction Management, at 707.547.1984 or [ddaly@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:ddaly@scwa.ca.gov). ●

## Compliance with Public Health, Environmental Regulations

Wide-ranging regulatory standards to protect public health and the environment are set by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and in turn implemented through the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB).

The District operates under a statewide permit from the SWRCB and in turn implemented through the North Coast RWQCB. Complying with these often-costly regulations result in District capital improvement projects and increased rates.

For more information about the California Water Boards, go to this website link: [www.waterboards.ca.gov](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov). ●

## Budget Update

The fiscal year starts on July 1 of each year and runs through June 30 of the following year.

For District customers, the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 flat rate fee is \$830 per year per “equivalent single-family dwelling” (ESD).

For more information, contact Manuel Olvera, Engineering Technician III, or Candi Bryon, Department Analyst, at 707.526.5370. ●

## How to Contact Your Board

The District’s Board of Directors is the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Your Board members and their e-mail addresses include the following:

- First District Supervisor/Director Susan Gorin – [Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org)
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- Third District Supervisor/Director Shirlee Zane – [Shirlee.Zane@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Shirlee.Zane@sonoma-county.org)
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Directors may also be contacted by phone: 707.565.2241 and fax: 707.565.3778.

The Board normally holds its regular meetings on Tuesdays, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. For more information, go online to [www.sonomacountywater.org/board-of-directors](http://www.sonomacountywater.org/board-of-directors). ●

# Employee Spotlight: Sanitation Crew Member Provides Key Operations & Maintenance Role

Troy Winton has been a member of the Water Agency Sanitation Crew as a Maintenance Worker III for four years. He is on a team of seven full-time employees that maintains more than 230 miles of sewer pipeline in Sonoma County.

After earning an associate degree from Santa Rosa Junior College, Troy took classes through the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) to receive his Collection System Maintenance Grade III certification. “We have to keep up on our contact hours and credentials,” he said, referring to the continuing education required in his job.



As a member of the sanitation crew, his work responsibilities exclusively involve the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the sanitation and recycled water lines. Over the course of a day, he may be repairing or replacing broken pipes, cleaning pipes and drains, or conducting video inspections of lines.

On a daily basis when he’s out on job sites, he said he interacts with members of the public who are curious about his activities - whether he’s cleaning lines or repairing a hole in a pipe. “It’s great talking to our customers,” he said. ●

## Watch What You Flush

To keep household and community sewer systems operating around the clock with maintenance costs kept to a minimum, your District asks customers to please do not use their toilets as trash cans. To put it as tactfully as possible, human waste and toilet paper should be all that’s flushed down the toilet.

Topping the list of the biggest offenders that should never be flushed down the toilet (even if the product’s packaging says “flushable” or “disposable”) are wet wipes, diapers, dental floss, facial tissues, paper towels, coffee grounds, sanitary products (including plastic tampon applicators), underwear, toys, medicine and medications, makeup, hair, seeds, grease, kitty box litter and cigarette butts.

The Water Agency and other partners sponsor the Safe Medicine Disposal Program to allow for the safe disposal of unused and unwanted medications. To find the closest drop-off location to you, visit [www.safemedicinedisposal.org](http://www.safemedicinedisposal.org) or contact Susan Keach, Environmental Compliance Inspector, at 707.521.1820 or [susan.keach@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:susan.keach@scwa.ca.gov). ●

## Stormwater Inflow

“Stormwater inflow” is a term that refers to excessive rainwater, especially occurring during heavy storms. When stormwater enters the wastewater system, it must be treated like sanitary waste, resulting in higher treatment costs. Also, sewer backups and overflows that harm the environment may occur.

### Never Pour FOG Down Sink

You can do your part to help prevent sanitary sewer overflows by properly disposing of fats, oils and grease, referred to as “FOG”.

FOG, which among other items includes frying and cooking oils, salad dressings, soups, meat trimmings and bacon fat, often gets washed into the public sewer system through the kitchen sink. FOG should never be poured down the drain because it can adhere to the insides of household and local sewer pipes, clog them and cause sewer backups, and/or overflows into the environment, and increased customer sewer rates to pay for sewer maintenance and plumbing repairs.

Your District provides FREE grease scrapers to help you keep FOG from going down the drain. Call the Water Agency Public Affairs Hotline at 707.524.6430. ●



A sewer line clogged with fat and grease.

You can help prevent stormwater inflow by inspecting roof gutters and downspouts. Disconnect them if they are connected to the sewer system. Instead, direct downspouts onto yards and gardens. Also, please report loose manhole covers by calling the Water Agency’s 24-hour emergency hotline at 707.523.1070. ●

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