

CAC Corner



Make your voice heard about Castro Valley's wastewater and zero waste services by joining CVSan's Community Advisory Committee (CAC)! CVSan's CAC represents the community's interests to the Board of Directors (Board) and serves as a body of independent thought to provide feedback on specific items to CVSan's staff and Board.

Gary Wolff has served on the CAC for a combined total of seven years. He is a retired environmental engineer and resource economist. He has lived in Castro Valley for 18 years and is a strong supporter of clean water, clean streets, clean energy, and recycling, because our kids deserve better than pollution and waste.

If you are interested in joining the CAC and making a difference in your community, please complete the CAC interest form at cvsan.org/CAC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2022 - October 2022

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings
August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th

Lateral Replacement Grant Program
August 15th (cvsan.org/LRGP)

CVSan Textile Collection Week
October 3rd through October 7th

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

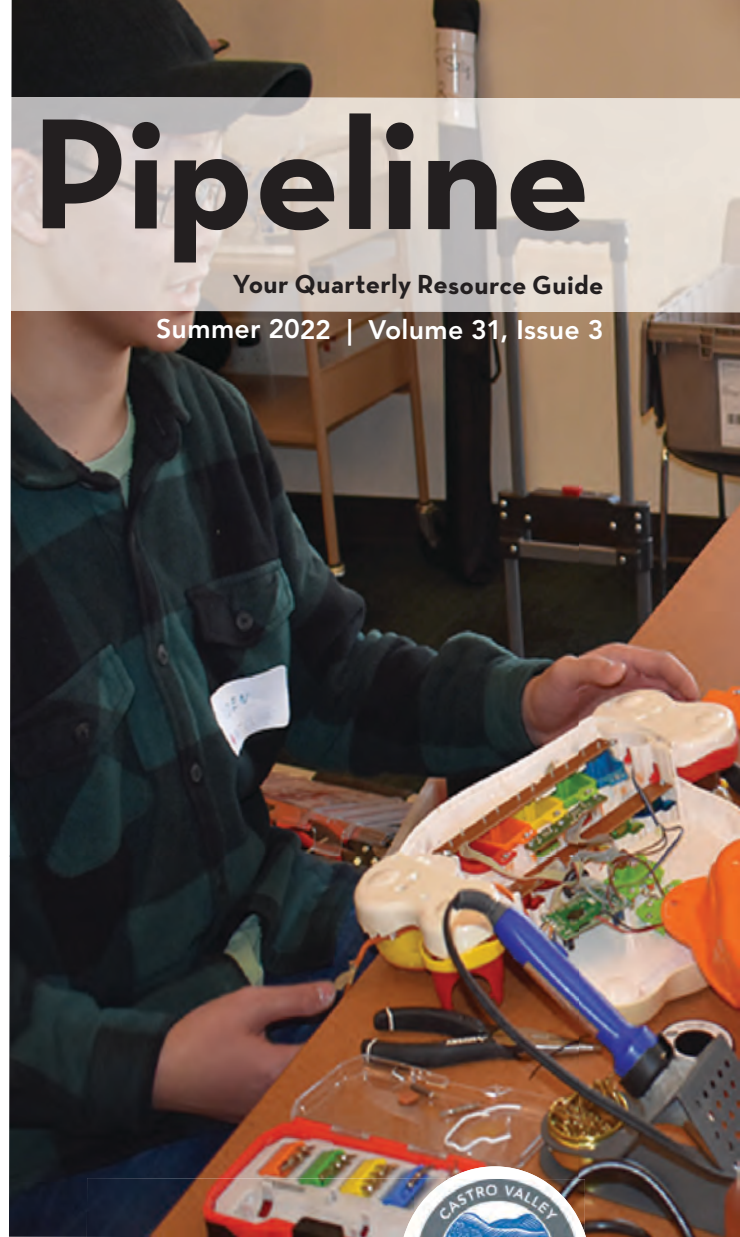
Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)
(510) 537-0757
(Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
(510) 506-5821
(sewer emergencies after hours)
cvsan.org

Alameda County Industries (ACI)
(510) 483-1400
alamedacountyindustries.com/cvsan

Household Hazardous Waste
(800) 606-6606
household-hazwaste.org

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CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

General Manager's Message

I have never been prouder to call Castro Valley my home. Over the past two years I have been constantly inspired by how the community has come together and persevered during the ups and downs of the pandemic. Thankfully, it looks to be an exciting summer; with the return of live events to our community like the Castro Valley Cruise Night in August and the Fall Festival in September, I look forward to seeing you in the streets. I also want to remind you that in-person Board and Committee meetings have resumed at our Main Office on Marshall Street, and I encourage you to attend. A list of upcoming CVSan meetings and events can be found on our digital calendar at cvsan.org/DC.

In this edition of the Pipeline, we provide updates on the new recycling and organics law Senate Bill 1383, we celebrate 20 years of our Food Scrap Recycling Program, and provide an update on the new Operations and Engineering Building Project scheduled to break ground later this year!



Wishing you a safe, warm, and enjoyable Summer,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

20th Anniversary of Food Scrap Recycling in CVSan



Happy 20th to Composting! CVSan has been composting food scraps in the green cart for over 20 years! Compost is a natural soil amendment created from organic materials. There are many benefits from composting by placing food scraps in CVSan's green organics carts:

- Improves soil structure and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.

- Helps stormwater management and filters out pollutants.
- Promotes healthier plant growth.
- Conserves water.
- Saves money.

Celebrate 20 years of composting in CVSan with a decal to put on your green cart and learn more at cvsan.org/Compost.

Operations and Engineering Building Project Update



CVSan staff is excited to continue moving forward with the Operations and Engineering Building Project, located on the corner of Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street. CVSan's architectural design firm, Dahlin Group, prepared the construction documents and the building permit submittal to Alameda County in April. CVSan will call for bids this summer.

Construction is expected to start this Fall and the project is expected to be completed in late 2023.

We encourage you to attend an upcoming Neighborhood Meeting about the Operations and Engineering Building Project, where staff will provide the most current project updates. Please visit our digital calendar at cvsan.org/DC for a schedule of future meetings.

Drain to the Bay Video



Have you ever wondered where the water ends up once it goes down your sink, drain, or toilet? Did you know CVSan’s sewer system contains over 160 miles of public sewer mains and eight pump stations, and over 3,200 manholes? Check out our latest video to learn about your wastewater’s journey, and the role you play in helping CVSan maintain its wastewater collection system and protect our community. Learn more about the high-performance, low-cost wastewater services we provide at cvsan.org/Wastewater.

Congrats to 3P’s Winner



CVSan recently had a display at the Castro Valley Library encouraging residents to take the 3 P’s Pledge for a chance to win a year’s worth of toilet paper! We are proud to announce Cheryl H. of Castro Valley won the prize! Maintaining reliable wastewater pipelines and facilities is everyone’s responsibility. We

can all take simple actions to make sure our system works. By promising to only flush the 3 P’s: Pee, Poop, and Toilet Paper, you will be doing your part to decrease the chances of sewer problems in your home’s private sewer lateral and the public sewer main. The contest is over, but you can still take the pledge at cvsan.org/PreventBlockages.

Your Rates

On May 3rd CVSan’s Board of Directors unanimously approved Ordinance No. 192, which increases the rates for solid waste services by an average of 0.22%, or \$0.07 for a 20 gallon single-family customer effective July 1, 2022.

The rate for CVSan customers is based on the latest detailed rate review for this rate period. CVSan uses a third party to review solid waste service rates on an annual basis. CVSan staff devotes significant effort to analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of potential rate increases. Learn more about your rates and rate adjustments at cvsan.org/YourRates.

Follow and Win!

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on CVSan events, programs, and promotions. Throughout 2022, we will be giving away free solid waste services for a year to a randomly selected person who follows CVSan on one or more of the following social media platforms: on Twitter and Facebook @CVSan, on Instagram @CVSanOfficial. The maximum number of entries allowed for this contest is three, one per CVSan social media account, and one per individual social media account. The winner must be an Alameda County Industries (ACI) household or business service address in the CVSan service area. Get complete contest rules at cvsan.org/Contest.



New Recycling and Organics Law: SB1383

When organic material, such as food, plant debris, and food-soiled paper is buried in a landfill, it produces harmful greenhouse gases. To address this issue, California passed Senate Bill (SB) 1383, effective January 1, 2022, which requires the community to reduce the amount of organic material sent to the landfill. Residents and businesses are required to properly sort organics into the correct cart/bin. To learn more about SB 1383 and how you can remain compliant, visit cvsan.org/SB1383.

One Less Plastic Straw

CVSan partnered with Te’Amo to provide a \$1.00 drink discount to customers who presented a reusable straw and refused a disposable straw. Customers received over \$125.00 in discounts by choosing to use a reusable straw. CVSan also provided 250 stainless steel

boba straws to participants of the One Less Plastic Straw event. Way to go Castro Valley!

Below, participants of the One Less Plastic Straw event enjoy their milk tea using reusable boba straws at Te’Amo Boba Tea x Mochi Donut (Te’Amo) during Zero Waste Week.



Waste to Zero in 60 Days



Last summer, CVSan residents joined the Waste to Zero in 60 Days Challenge and shared how they are getting to zero waste! Through social media, we received great tips on: finding a Zero Waster to follow, how to compost, how to perform a home audit, how to reduce packaging waste, how to repair broken stuff, using reusables and bringing them with you, upcycling old things into new, advocacy, and reducing wasted food. Get motivated and take the challenge on your own at cvsan.org/ZeroIn60.



Buy Nothing



Make “Spring Cleaning” green cleaning this year! Donate unneeded items to neighbors in your community by joining buynothingproject.org or find your local Buy Nothing group on Facebook. Buy Nothing is a gift economy network which

offers people a way to give, receive, share, and lend materials locally. Ask neighbors in your community to borrow an item for just a few days and save resources and money! See all the great things being exchanged in your community – all at no cost!