

Faces of CVSan



Most people don't want to think about what happens to their wastewater after they flush the toilet. With employees like Jeff Zhong on the job, they don't have to. Jeff is a Collection System Maintenance Technician who, along with other members of the Collection System Maintenance Department, works hard everyday cleaning and maintaining Castro Valley's wastewater collection system. Jeff specifically plans, coordinates, and implements CVSan's preventative maintenance and repair program for CVSan's mechanical and control equipment, including but not limited to CVSan's eight pump stations and the entire fleet of CVSan vehicles. Thanks for all you do, Jeff, to help keep Castro Valley's wastewater moving!



UPCOMING EVENTS February 2023 - April 2023

CVSan Offices Closed
February 20th

Board Meetings
February 7th, March 7th, April 4th

Zero Waste Week
February 6th - 11th

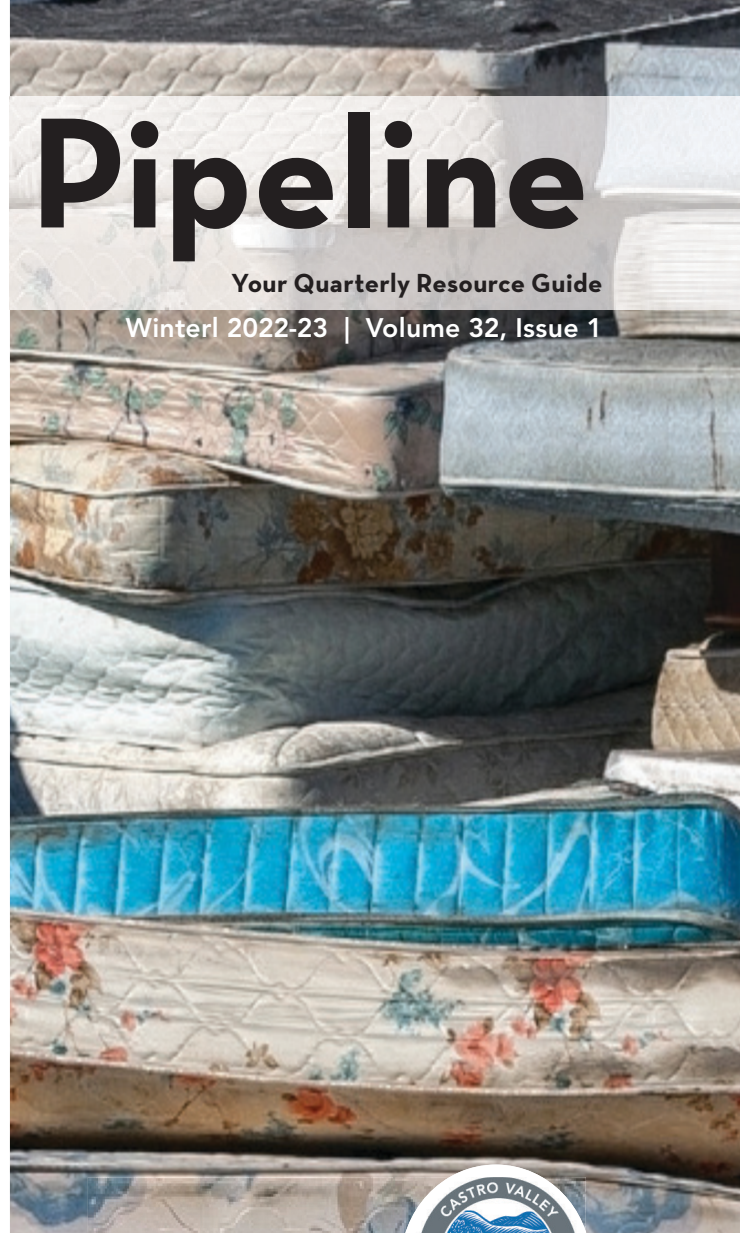
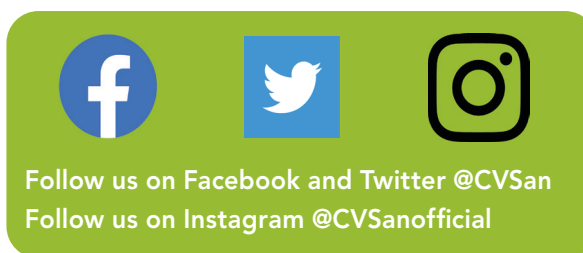
CVSan Earth Day Clean-Up and Recycles Day Event
April 22nd

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

There is an old saying that every moment is a new beginning. That saying always resonates more in the early weeks of a new year. As we look back on our accomplishments of the past year, such as: winning an Award of Excellence from California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) for our Nutrient Optimization Project, winning the California Sanitation Risk Management Authority Workers' Compensation Excellence Award, winning the Outstanding School Recycling Program Award from the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) and getting the new Operations and Engineering (O&E) Building Project out to bid, it reminds us to look ahead at the possibilities of the year to come. And CVSan has a lot planned for 2023; it will be an exciting year.

In this edition of the Pipeline Newsletter, you will find important information on new recycling opportunities, our upcoming Zero Waste Week 2023, and how you can get the latest construction updates on the new O&E Building Project.



Wishing you all the best in the New Year,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

Zero Waste Week

CVSan's Eighth Annual Zero Waste Week starts on February 6th! There will be a fun Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Kit Project for schools where 20 classrooms will receive kits of materials to make projects. There will also be giveaways to help reduce wasted food at home and to help reduce wasted plastic utensils. Another event will promote bulky dispensers and refillables. For more information on all of these upcoming events, please go to **cvsan.org/ZeroWasteWeek**.



Operations and Engineering Building Project Meetings



Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) invites you to attend an upcoming virtual Neighborhood Meeting about the new Operations and Engineering (O&E) Building Project that will be located at 21195 Center Street. Meetings that are currently scheduled are listed below and subject to change. All meetings start at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

- Tuesday, February 14, 2023
- Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023

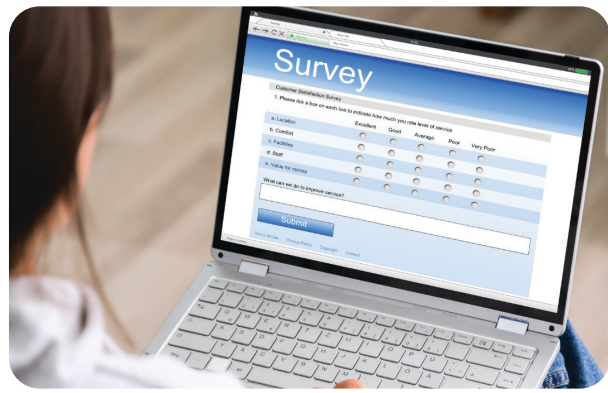
CVSan staff will provide updates on the project and be available to answer any questions. For upcoming meeting links and information, please email michael@cvsan.org or call (510) 537-0757 ext. 124. If you cannot attend a meeting, you can view the meeting archives at **cvsan.org/CenterStreet**.

Chabot Elementary Donates Extra Food



Green Ribbon schools must annually complete 31 activities in the 4Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot. At Chabot Elementary, Green Ribbon Coordinator and Teacher Natalie H. teams up with others to go the extra mile. They have recycling and organics bins in every classroom, host waste-free parties, work with the cafeteria staff to reduce disposable items, and they even donate extra food to those in need. Parent volunteers Chelsea A. and Nicole G. take the extra food to the First Presbyterian Church food pantry every week. Great job Chabot!

Outreach Survey



Please take our five-minute outreach survey to help us continue to measure the community’s interest in our outreach materials and allow us to identify areas where cost savings might be achieved. Complete the survey and be entered into a drawing to win one year of solid waste services provided by Alameda County Industries (ACI). Take the survey online now at cvsan.org/survey or by phone by calling (510) 537-0757 ext. 100 Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Your participation and opinions are important, and your responses are confidential. For official rules, visit cvsan.org/Survey.

Free Mattress and Box Spring Drop Off



Do you have an old mattress or box spring taking up space in storage? Residents can now drop off mattresses and box springs for free at the Davis Street Transfer Station in San Leandro (2615 Davis Street)! Residents can drop off up to five mattresses per day at no charge. Please note: crib mattresses are not accepted. This program is a partnership between Waste Management of Alameda County and the Mattress Recycling Council. So, clear out those old mattresses and box springs! For more information, visit davisstreet.wm.com.

Prepare for Rainy Season



The rainy season, typically between November and March in Castro Valley, can present many challenges to homeowners. Avoid expensive accidents by preparing your property today and protecting your home! If possible, it’s best to be proactive – not reactive. One action that can help is to install a backflow prevention system (BPS), which consists of a two-way cleanout and a backflow prevention device (BPD). The BPS is designed to keep water and sewage flowing in the right direction – away from the home!

If you have any questions about installing a BPS, contact CVSAn’s Engineering Department at (510) 537- 0757 ext. 131.

One Filter at a Time



Jesse F. is a long-time participant of CVSAn’s Filter Exchange Program (FEP). Since hearing about the program over five years ago, Jesse participates each year to properly recycle his used motor oil filters. “I love that the Filter Exchange Program energizes me to do my own oil changes and that CVSAn sends me a coupon so I can purchase a new filter”, says Jesse. He likes that the program helps the environment through the proper recycling of motor oil and filters. CVSAn appreciates Jesse and all other participants of the FEP! For more information on the FEP, visit cvsan.org/UsedOil.

A Shining 4R Star



Employees of Castro Valley businesses play an integral role in waste reduction programs, especially for CVSAn’s 4R Star Businesses. 4R Star Businesses have been certified by CVSAn for incorporating the 4Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot) into their business operations which helps CVSAn reach its waste diversion goals. Each year, CVSAn recognizes employees of 4R Star Businesses who have demonstrated commitment to the 4Rs. Recently, CVSAn highlighted Kim-Louise from First Presbyterian Church of Hayward for leading the effort to convert their community kitchen from single-use disposables to reusable dishware. Kim-Louise also aids in preventing food waste by incorporating leftovers into meals for the community. Learn more at cvsan.org/4Rstar.

Paper Calendar Opt-Out

For more than 20 years, CVSAn has distributed a paper Calendar and Annual Report to CVSAn residents. In our efforts to reduce paper usage, there is now an option to individually opt-out of future paper calendars being printed and mailed to your home. If you do not want to receive a paper calendar, please send an email with your name and mailing address to optout@cvsan.org, or call 510-537-0757 and ask to “opt out” of future paper calendars.

Magnolia Grove a Stellar Green Neighbor



Magnolia Grove, a Green Neighbor Community, goes above and beyond to reduce waste and comply with SB 1383. Magnolia Grove Property Manager Jessica M. distributes flyers and emails tenants to help them reduce waste. They also schedule a Bulky & Reuse Pick-Up once a year, promote reuse sales and donation, promote CVSAn Recycles Day, and request food scrap and recycling pails from CVSAn. Learn more about our Multi-Family Green Neighbor Community Recognition Program and how your community can participate at cvsan.org/GreenNeighbor.