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Specifically, Cole works with CVSan’s multi-family communities and businesses to ensure they are following regulations, such as California’s recently enacted Recycling and Organics Law, Senate Bill (SB) 1383. Cole creates educational material related to Zero Waste for CVSan residents and businesses, and coordinates the Recycles Day events held at Canyon Middle School and the Used Motor Oil Filter Exchange Program. Thanks, Cole, for all you do for the community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2023 - July 2023

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings
May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th

CVSan Textile Collection Week
June 5th through June 9th

CVSan Recycles Day Event
July 22nd (Go to cvsan.org/RecyclesDay to register)

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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General Manager’s Message

Spring is a season symbolic of new life and new beginnings, and this has never been truer for CVSan. After many years of planning, construction on the new Operations and Engineering (O&E) Building Project at the corner of East Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street has begun. We look forward to hosting a grand opening celebration for the community when construction is completed.

I also want to take a moment to commend our staff for their response during the historic storms that our community faced this past winter. CVSan workers rallied and worked overtime to ensure that the impacts of the storm were as minimal as possible. So, if you see one of our workers on the streets, give them a thumbs up!

In this edition of the Pipeline, learn about our Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Program, important information on easements, our new Zero Waste animated movie, and ways to help prevent clogs!

Wishing you all a wonderful spring,



Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

New Building Project Update



CVSan staff is excited to move forward with the Operations and Engineering (O&E) Building Project, located on the corner of East Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street. CVSan received four bids at the bid opening meeting held on November 15, 2022. At the December 13, 2022 Special Board meeting, CVSan’s Board of Directors

awarded the construction project to DL Falk Construction Inc. (DL Falk), who was the apparent low bidder at \$20,844,000. DL Falk is a local company based in Hayward and CVSan is excited to work with them on this project! Construction on the project has begun and is expected to be completed in the Summer of 2024.

Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Program

Are you planning to sell your home in spring or summer? Have you checked the condition of your private sewer lateral? When a property is sold, the private sewer lateral is required to meet compliance with CVSan’s standards. A closed-circuit television (CCTV) permit must be obtained from CVSan, and the private sewer lateral inspection performed by a sewer contractor must be witnessed by a CVSan inspector. By meeting compliance, CVSan and the new property owner can be assured that the private sewer lateral is free of any cracks, roots, and other defects. You can obtain more information about the Private Sewer Lateral Program at cvsan.org/PSL.



Say No to Wipes!



Single-use wipes, such as baby wipes, cleaning wipes, makeup wipes, and medicated wipes, have recently gained in popularity. Many of these products are marketed as flushable, but often do not actually break down after being flushed. Wipes can obstruct the pipes by catching on tree roots or accumulating fats, oils, and grease (FOG). Further down the public sewer main, flushed wipes can weave together and create giant rags which can get stuck in pumps, wastewater collection systems, and motors. This causes backups and equipment failures which lead to costly repairs. We can all take simple actions to ensure that Castro Valley’s wastewater collection system stays functional. Please say No to Wipes! For more information on how you can help prevent blockages, visit cvsan.org/PreventBlockages

Special Districts Week



CVSan will commemorate Special Districts Week the week of May 15th to encourage residents of Castro Valley to be involved in their community and be civically engaged with their local government. Special districts are local government entities created by a community’s residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure. Formed in 1939 as a California Special District organized under the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, CVSan is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer collection system within the unincorporated community of Castro Valley. CVSan also oversees a refuse collection franchise for the community, manages State and local mandated recycling programs, and holds a 25% interest in the Castro Valley/Oro Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTP).

Refuel Your Fun and Save

If you are an avid outdoors person who uses one lb. propane cylinders for your camping stoves and/or lanterns, consider switching to reusable propane cylinders! These will allow you to enjoy the great outdoors while reducing the waste you produce. If you purchase a refillable 1 lb. propane cylinder, several local retailers allow you to refill it for a fraction of the cost you would pay for a new disposable propane cylinder. The Refuel Your Fun and Save campaign provides more information and a map of local refill locations. Learn more at refuelyourfun.org.



Sewer Repair Project

This past winter, CVSan completed work for the Gravity Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation Project, District Project 95, which repaired and rehabilitated aging sewer infrastructure at 20 project sites throughout Castro Valley. The project consisted of replacing approximately 3,500 linear feet of public sewer mains and multiple manhole rehabilitations on both public roads and within easements. In addition, several new manholes were installed to provide better access for CVSan’s Collection System Maintenance staff.

For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming projects, visit cvsan.org/Projects.

Easement Access



Is there a CVSan manhole on your property? If so, there is likely an easement within your property, and CVSan staff may occasionally need access to it to perform maintenance. To protect your property and our field staff, make sure to keep the area around any manholes clear of debris or obstacles

that may prevent the maintenance of CVSan’s public sewer mains. If you experience any issues with a manhole in an easement, please call (510) 537-0757 to notify our staff. To see if you have an easement on your property, please visit cvsan.org/Easements.

Neighborhood Meetings



Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) invites you to attend upcoming virtual Neighborhood Meetings about the new Operations and Engineering (O&E) Building Project that is located at 21195 Center Street. Meetings that are currently scheduled are listed below and subject to change.

- Tuesday, May 9th via Zoom @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 13th via Zoom @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12th via Zoom @ 6:00 p.m.

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) 756-0829. If you cannot attend a meeting, you can view the meeting archives at cvsan.org/CenterStreet.

Zero Waste Animations



In 2017, CVSan developed a 6-minute animated short movie of our five Zero Waste and “4Rs” characters with Little Miss Reduce, Again! (for Reuse), Blue (for Recycling), Green (for Organics), and Zero. The movie won an industry award and has been viewed over a thousand times online and during school assemblies and 4Rs field trips.

Recently, CVSan produced a second movie to carry the story further, explaining what everyone can do to be better at reducing waste, reusing things, recycling, and composting. The new 11-minute movie is engaging and fun with scenery from Castro Valley. Watch both movies on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/cvsan.