



# Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District

## DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY

*Batteries, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, some household cleaners, pesticides, paint, solvents spray cans, and fertilizers.*

**Don't dump toxics into storm drains or household drains!**  
They flow to the Bay.



**Free Disposal of Toxics for Residents at the Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility,**  
565 Jacoby St., San Rafael.  
Hours: Monday-Saturday,  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**For information, 415-485-6806**

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## DON'T POUR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN

*Keep Your Drain Fat Free  
Because Fat Clogs Drains and Can Cause Sewer Overflows*



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If you receive this and are not a customer, we apologize.

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## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BENEFITS CUSTOMERS OF TWO AGENCIES

The Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District has updated our agreement with the Tamalpais Community Services District (Tamalpais CSD), ending years of uncertainty and negotiations.

The agreement ensures 10 years of commitment between the two agencies and ensures that hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue continues to be received from Tamalpais CSD each year, improving economies of scale for all our customers.

For customers of Tamalpais CSD, the agreement provides low-cost financing of their facilities improvement charges and ensures continued reliable and cost effective service for customers of both agencies. This agreement has opened the door for additional cooperative efforts that can benefit both agencies.

### Key Terms of Agreement

- Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District will finance Tamalpais CSD's capital charges over the next three years, with a 10-year payback period.
- About \$3 million will be financed at the same rate the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District receives for its investments in the State Investment Fund (currently about 1.5 percent).
- This provides a low-cost loan for Tamalpais CSD without any loss to Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District.
- Tamalpais CSD is committed to keep its flow with Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District for the next 10 years, providing a steady revenue stream that improves economies of scale for all our customers.



Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District's treatment plant.

**For More Information, Please Call (415) 332-0244**



## COOPERATIVE EFFORTS UNDERWAY

### *Aim Is to Improve Efficiency and Service*

Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District constantly seeks ways to improve service and lower costs. In recent years, the District began cross-training employees and implemented new technology that has made it possible to decrease our staff by 20%.

Currently our staff and Board are investigating a number of cooperative ventures with neighboring agencies that may allow further cost savings and service improvements.

### Cooperative Maintenance Being Evaluated

Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District (SMCSD) is holding discussions with Tamalpais CSD about the possible joint benefits of conducting a sewer maintenance program together.

This could involve replacing a commercial contractor currently hired by SMCSD with Tamalpais CSD's maintenance crew, reducing SMCSD's costs while maintaining our level of service and providing Tamalpais CSD with economies of scale.



Cooperation with other agencies may provide additional improvements in efficiency that could improve service and lower long-term costs.

### Region-Wide Possibilities Being Evaluated For Service or Money Saving Cooperative Ventures

#### New Zero Spill Standard Raises the Bar

Because of stricter regulations for wastewater agencies, the bar has been raised for maintenance and documentation. This has further increased the benefits of working beyond what has already been done.

The Marin County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has hired a consultant to seek opportunities for increased collaboration among neighboring wastewater agencies. A consortium of sewer agencies recently held a workshop on the topic.

## UPGRADE PROJECTS ENSURE QUALITY SERVICE

We are making steady progress on the District's \$9 million, 10-year, capital improvement program designed to lower maintenance costs and ensure continued reliable service. Here are a few examples:

- **Upgrading Electrical Switchgear and Controls.** A \$100,000 project is in the works to replace 25-year-old electrical switchgear controls in an aging part of the wastewater treatment plant.
- **Upgrading a Pump Station.** The replacement for the Locust Street Pump Station on Bridgeway will be more reliable, smaller and more energy-efficient.
- **Considering Upgrades to Office and Board Room.** The current office and Board Room are too small and do not meet current needs and requirements. The District Board is considering consolidating the current separate, small structures into a single, modest administration building.
- **Reviewing the Seismic Stability at the Treatment Plant.** An independent engineering firm is conducting a seismic analysis on the oldest unit in the treatment plant.



Aging electrical controls in the treatment plant are being replaced as part of the District's multi-year, \$9 million upgrade program.

## DESIGN OF ODOR CONTROL NEAR COMPLETION

At the request of our customers, the SMCSD Board has moved plans forward and commissioned outside experts to evaluate the treatment process and offer options for dealing with odors. The preliminary design of odor control techniques was somewhat slowed by structural issues in the treatment plant. A final design is nearing completion with construction expected to begin in the spring.

