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SAN ANDREAS SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

SAN ANDREAS, Calif. — **May 1, 2019** — Construction has begun at the San Andreas Sanitary District (SASD) Wastewater Treatment Plant (<u>sasanitary.org</u>). The wastewater treatment plant is being upgraded to replace antiquated equipment that has exceeded their useful life.

One of the most significant parts of the construction project is the replacement of the 60-year old anaerobic digester, which is not able to adequately treat and process the bio-solids generated at the treatment facility. "Replacing antiquated infrastructure is a big challenge. From the conceptual-planning, grant acquisition, engineering and construction, it is truly a team effort. I am grateful to our board for keeping us focused on our mission, and to our staff, engineering team, and contractors for making this construction project happen," says Hugh Logan, SASD district manager.

Other improvements include upgrades to the plant's electrical system and installing a new supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for process control and security. Prior to breaking ground for the new aerobic digester, work was completed on the effluent storage ponds, which was needed to protect pond levees from erosion and provide greater storage capacity during times of wet weather.

San Andreas Sanitary District received a grant from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help fund the \$6.5 million budgeted cost, which includes planning, design, procurement, environmental review and construction. "Securing grant funds was critical so the District could afford the project, while still keeping sewer rates reasonable," says Terry Strange, SASD board president.

W.M. Lyles Contractors and KASL Construction Management team were selected to complete the improvement project. Work is anticipated to be complete in spring 2020. "Our goal is to complete this project on time, on budget, and with the highest degree of safety and quality for the District," states Jack Scroggs, the district's construction manager.

SASD board of directors held a special board meeting on Wednesday, May 1st at the construction site to commemorate the start of construction.

About the San Andreas Sanitary District

San Andreas Sanitary District (SASD) began providing wastewater treatment services in 1952. Today, SASD maintains over 18 miles of sewer pipes, operates the treatment facility and provides wastewater treatment services to over 900 residential and commercial customers. For more information about the District, please visit www.sasanitary.org. Clean water: It's what we do!

San Andreas Sanitary District: Protecting our public health and preserving the watershed for all generations.



San Andreas Sanitary District Board of Directors, Left to Right: Todd Fischer, Mike Walker, Michelle Turner, Board President Terry Strange, Don Young