

Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Updates

Crews have been busy since officially kicking off construction in July. Three main components will be upgraded as part of the project:

1. Expand the existing Chlorine Contact Basins – increases the length of chlorine contact in the basins to improve disinfection time without increasing chemical usage
2. Build a new Plant Headworks – raw wastewater from the sewer systems enters the treatment plant at the headworks
3. Replace the Irrigation Pump Station with 4 high-capacity pumps

Crews have been concentrating efforts on the chlorine contact basins. Work in progress includes setting footings for the basin, creating molds and installing rebar and support steel as shown in the photo.



SASD Congratulates Staff Operators

In the Sanitary Sewer industry, “Certification” in specific areas and Grades (levels) requires three key components: Education, Examination, and On-the-Job Training. SASD is pleased to announce the most recent achievements of its operators.

Jessie Smith, a Grade 3 Wastewater Operator, earned her Grade 2 Collections System Maintenance Certification.

Eric Werner, SASD’s most recent recruit as an Operator-in-Training (OIT), passed the Grade 1 test. He is currently earning on-the-job training hours to obtain a Grade 1 Certificate.

SASD values the continued professional development of its staff. Each progression demonstrates the competency of staff to meet regulatory requirements and ensures the knowledge, skills and abilities of staff to safely maintain and operate the sanitary sewer system. All SASD’s Operators are required to complete training offered through California State University, Sacramento.



Jessie Smith



Eric Werner

Fall Reminders

Fall is in the air and soon the holiday season will be here. This means family and friends visiting, more food made and shared, and the potential for sewer back-ups. SASD encourages customers to keep these reminders in mind during the upcoming months.

FOG (Fats, Oils, Grease)

The FOG culprit is a daily dishwashing occurrence but is heightened during the holiday season. Large gatherings and traditional cooking lend to more butter, oils, meat scraps and food items being put down the drain. Garbage disposals “grind” but do not remove the scraps and liquids that go down a kitchen drain that later congeal in pipes. Instead of washing down the drain, consider scraping and wiping leftovers in the trash or composting bin. This practice is also important when preparing meals. Dry-wiping mixing bowls, baking dishes and frying pans into the trash helps to save the pipes and prevent costly sewer back-ups.

Did you know? Many food scraps rinsed down the drain can be composted, which lessens the impact on the sewer system and may be used to add nutrients to garden areas.

To Flush or Not To Flush

In general, only organic material and toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. Commercial “flushable” wipes do in fact place an extra demand on the sewer system. Most important, diapers, rags, paper towels and sanitary napkins should never be flushed down the toilet. A polite reminder to guests may save an untimely toilet over-flow.



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