

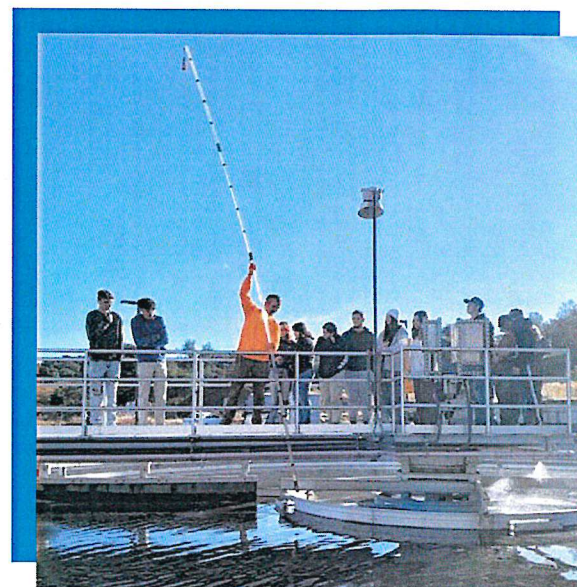
Dear Customers,

This end of year newsletter takes on a different form. I'd like to share about activities we've undertaken besides the typical wastewater treatment and the infrastructure projects that are ongoing.

First is our focus on providing services to San Andreas residents. It is important to our mission that the District serves as a resource to our community. In 2022, the District participated in several events that tied the community and the District together.

For the fourth year, the District participated in the County's "Dinner with a Scientist" event. In years past, myself, Josh, and Kelson participated. This year, Jessie Smith, a Grade 3 Operator, represented the District. She shared the "science" behind wastewater treatment with numerous students and faculty.

In September, the District hosted 125 4th-6th grade students from the San Andreas Elementary School at the wastewater treatment plant. Students experienced Laboratory Exploration, Water Cycle Pipeline Challenge, and a Biosolids Demonstration. Sixth graders received an additional live demonstration about soil compaction from our onsite construction crew, Gateway Pacific.



District Operator Josh educating biology students

New this year, building on the elementary school's introduction to the wastewater treatment plant, was an educational experience with high school biology students in Mr. Noah Crosson's class at Calaveras High School. Students learned about biosolids, the activated sludge system and had hands-on experience with lab testing. The recent partnership with CHS is an effort to introduce students, our future customers, to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). We look forward to growing the high school program in years to come.

Second is our commitment to plan for the future. In the past twelve years, the District completed many projects that were identified in the original plant masterplan, including the most recent wastewater treatment plant upgrades. Our master plan is currently being updated to reflect these completed capital projects, to re-evaluate treatment plant capabilities, and to specify future needs. The updated masterplan will serve as a guide to prioritize infrastructure projects and is a basis for the District to seek funding support from the USDA Rural Development agency and the California State Revolving Fund.

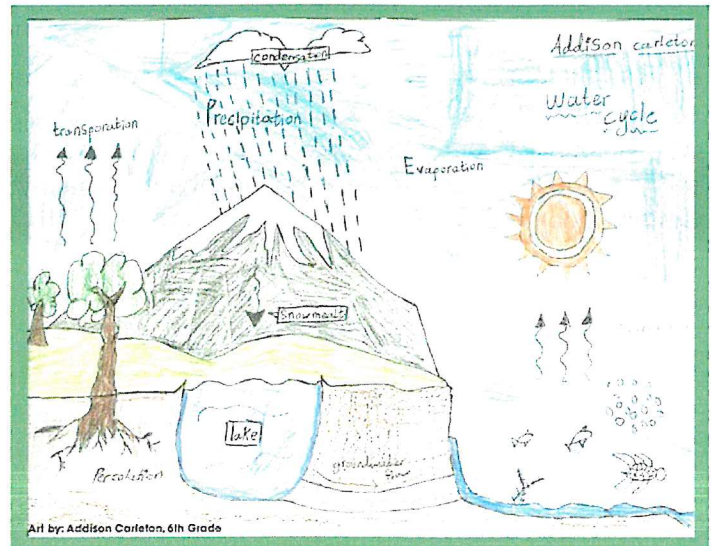
The District also initiated the application for a renewed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This permit is issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board every five years. The permit serves as the regulatory framework for how the District treats and disposes of wastewater and specifies all the sampling and monitoring requirements. We expect this renewal process to be completed in October 2023.

Lastly is bringing staff, the District's Board, and the community together. In August, we met with residents that live along the path of our collection system pipeline improvement project. It was important for the District to work directly with residents about how they would be impacted and reassure them the District was available 24/7 to address concerns. We were pleased at the turn out. Quick note, the essential work along the creek bed was completed as required by November 1, 2022, beating the rainy season!

In November, several elementary students who won the District's annual calendar art contest were invited to a Board meeting and received special recognition for their contributions. This tradition is a favorite of all involved!



Board Members from left to right: Jeff Galli, Michael Walker, Michelle Turner Charles Hobbs, 2nd row: Dan Mayers, Front row Jaxson Glover, Cason Tweten, Addison Carleton (Cover Winner), Bethany Coldani, Mrs.Ornellas (6th Grade teacher)



I'm proud of all the efforts that our Operators and Administrative Staff implemented this past year and for how conscientious they are in their daily duties. They are epitome of public servants.

On behalf of the District Staff and Board, I wish all our San Andreas community a peaceful, safe, and healthy holiday season! We look forward to sharing more good news in 2023.

Sincerely,

Hugh Logan

District Manager

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**The San Andreas Sanitary District wishes
our community a safe, festive holiday season!**



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