



BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, April 8, 2013
Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

Directors
Manny Fernandez
Tom Handley
Pat Kite
Anjali Lathi
Jennifer Toy

Officers
Richard B. Currie
*General Manager/
District Engineer*

David M. O'Hara
Attorney

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Motion

4. Minutes of the March 25, 2013, 2013 Board Meeting
Motion to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2013 as submitted.

5. Written Communications

6. Oral Communications

The public may provide oral comments at regular and special Board meetings; however, whenever possible, written statements are preferred (to be received at the Union Sanitary District office at least one working day prior to the meeting). This portion of the agenda is where a member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. If the subject relates to an agenda item, the speaker should address the Board at the time the item is considered. Oral comments are limited to three minutes per individuals, with a maximum of 30 minutes per subject. Speaker's cards will be available in the Boardroom and are to be completed prior to discussion.

7. This item has been withdrawn.

Motion

8. Nomination of Representative to California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors (to be reviewed by the Legal/Community Affairs Committee).

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Construction Contract for the I-680 at Sabercat Road Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project (to be reviewed by the Construction Committee).

10. Earth Day 2013 Update (to be reviewed by the Legal/Community Affairs Committee). (MD)

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11. January CASA Conference Summary (to be reviewed by the Legislative Committee).
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12. Check Register.
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13. Committee Meeting Reports (*No Board action is taken at Committee meetings*):
- Legislative Committee, Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.
 - Construction Committee, Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
 - Legal/Community Affairs Committee, Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
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14. General Manager's Report (*information on recent issues of interest to the Board*).
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15. Other Business:
- Comments and questions. *Directors can share information relating to District business and are welcome to request information from staff.*
 - Scheduling matters for future consideration.
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16. Adjournment – The Board will adjourn to a Special Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to conduct a Budget FY2014 Workshop.

The Board will then adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

The Public is welcome to provide oral comments at Regular and Special Board meetings. Whenever possible, we request that written statements be provided to the District at least one working day prior to the meeting. If the subject relates to an agenda item, the speaker should address the Board at the time the item is considered. If the subject is within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the agenda, the speaker will be heard at the time "Oral Communications" is scheduled. Oral Communications is limited to three minutes per individual, with a maximum of 30 minutes per subject. Speaker's cards are available in the Boardroom and should be completed prior to discussion of the agenda item and handed to the Clerk. The facilities at the District Offices are wheelchair accessible. Any attendee requiring other special accommodations at the meeting should contact the General Manager's office at (510) 477-7503 at least one working day ahead of the meeting.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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**NOTICE OF
COMMITTEE MEETING**

All meetings will be held in the
General Manager's Office

5072 Benson Road
Union City, CA 94587
(510) 477-7500

**BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2013**

Committee Membership:

Budget and Finance	Directors Anjali Lathi and Jennifer Toy
Construction Committee	Directors Tom Handley and Manny Fernandez
Legal/Community Affairs	Directors Anjali Lathi and Pat Kite
Legislative Committee	Directors Pat Kite and Tom Handley
Personnel Committee	Directors Jennifer Toy and Manny Fernandez
Audit Committee	Directors Jennifer Toy and Tom Handley

Legislative Committee, Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

11. January CASA Conference Summary

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9. Construction Contract for the I-680 At Sabercat Road Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project.

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8. Nomination of Representative to California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors
10. Earth Day 2013 Update

**Committee meetings may include teleconference participation by one or more Directors
(Gov. Code Section 11123).**

*Committee meetings are open to the public; however, only written comments from the public will be considered.
No Board action will be taken.*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
UNION SANITARY DISTRICT
March 25, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Manny Fernandez, Secretary
Tom Handley, Director
Pat Kite, President
Anjali Lathi, Vice President
Jennifer Toy, Director

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Richard Currie, General Manager/District Engineer
Judi Berzon, Human Resources Administrator
Richard Cortes, Business Services Manager
Jesse Gill, Technical Support & Customer Services Manager
Sami Ghossain, Capital Improvements Projects Coach
Andy Morrison, Collection Services Manager
David O'Hara, Legal Counsel
Michelle Powell, Communications Coordinator
Maria Scott, Principal Financial Analyst
Robert Simonich, Fabrication, Maintenance & Construction Manager
Tom Graves, Assistant to the General Manager/Board Secretary

CONSULTANTS: Glenn Berkheimer, IEDA Professional Staff (Arrived 7:50 p.m.)

VISITORS: None

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2013**

Action

On a motion made by Director Lathi and seconded by Director Fernandez, the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 11, 2013 were approved as amended. The amendment included expanded text on Director Lathi's report on the CWEA PS3 conference. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no official written communications.

6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no oral communications.

7. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2013**

GM Summary

Rich Currie reported that there were two odor reports for the month, but none were attributable to USD. There were two minor accidents, both eye incidents. The first was reported to the Board earlier, involving a worker who had gotten a piece of metal in his eye, even though he was fully protected. The second incident was caused by a burst hose which caused dirt to blow into a worker's eye. The eye was washed, and the worker returned to work. Collection Services has once again reported no spills for the month. Hours worked have risen from 33.7/week to 34.07, and sick leave has declined from 60.5 to 57.25.

Financials

Maria Scott presented the financial report. The Board had no questions.

8. **This item was withdrawn.**

9. **INITIAL RESOLUTION NO. 2700 FOR ANNEXATION NO. U-289, CITY OF FREMONT PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG PALM AVENUE**

Jesse Gill said that the City of Fremont submitted a request to annex two city-owned parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 513-0472-008-04 and 513-0472-009-04) totaling 12.15 acres located near Palm Avenue and Interstate I-680 in the Mission District. There is no land use change involved with the annexation proposal, and the annexation will have no fiscal impact on the District's ratepayers.

Action

On a motion made by Director Handley and seconded by Director Fernandez, Initial Resolution No. 2700 for Annexation No. U-289 was adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NO. 2 WITH THE COVELLO GROUP FOR PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE COGENERATION PROJECT**

Jesse Gill reported that the Board awarded the construction contract for the Project to D. W. Nicholson Corporation in the amount of \$10,566,358 on March 11, 2013. The Project's construction period will be five hundred twenty five (525) calendar days with an estimated completion of all project elements by October 2014. However, the Project will require the commissioning of the new engine generators within four hundred thirty five (435) calendar days, or by July 2014.

On October 9, 2012, staff executed an Agreement and Task Order No. 1 in the amount of \$21,904 with The Covello Group to review the design of the Cogeneration Project for biddability and constructability issues. The scope of services for Task Order No. 2 will include the attendance at the partnering workshop and preconstruction conference, construction administration, facilitation of progress meetings with the contractor, processing of paperwork between the contractor and the design consultant, field quality control, coordination of field testing and training, and project closeout inspection. The total cost is not to exceed \$959,502, which is equal to 9.1% of the \$10.5M construction contract.

Action

On a motion made by Director Fernandez and seconded by Director Toy, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 2 with The Covello Group for providing construction management services for the Cogeneration Project. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC. FOR THE INTERNAL LIFT STATION NO. 1 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

Jesse Gill reported that the District operates two primary effluent lift stations with a total of eight (8) enclosed screw pumps at the Alvarado Wastewater Treatment Plant. Primary Effluent Lift Station No. 1 (pumps No. 1 through 4) was built in 1986. Primary Effluent Lift Station No. 2 (pumps No. 5 through 8) was built in 1995. Staff conducted inspections of the internal components of the effluent pumps in May 2009. The inspection showed that the effluent pumps were corroding and were in need of replacement.

Staff received a quote from Siemens Industry, Inc. on February 25th to provide one (1) new stainless steel pump and a combination of new and refurbished ancillary parts to replace effluent pumps No. 1 through 4 at a cost of \$558,450. Staff negotiated with Siemens and was able to reduce the final price to \$424,049.11.

Action

On a motion made by Director Handley and seconded by Director Fernandez, the Board authorized the general manager to execute a purchase order contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for the Internal Lift Station No. 1 Improvements Project. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **REVIEWING AND APPROVING BUDGET POLICY NO. 2015**

Rich Cortes presented this item. There are minor changes being proposed by staff to make the policy align with current budget practices. There were no questions from the Board.

Action

On a motion made by Director Lathi and seconded by Director Toy, the Board approved Policy No. 2015, Budget Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

13. **REVIEWING AND APPROVING ACCOUNTING STANDARDS POLICY NO. 2000.**

Rich Cortes presented this item to the Board for review. The only change related to the Auditor presenting to the Board Audit Committee. The Board had no questions.

Action

On a motion made by Director Lathi and seconded by Director Fernandez, Policy No, 2000, Accounting Standards Policy, was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

14. **ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2701, TO TREAT EMPLOYEES' COST-SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER PERS AS PRE-TAX FOR INCOME-TAX PURPOSES, and;**
15. **ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2702 IMPLEMENTING COST-SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER PERS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CLASSIC MEMBERS.**

These two items were considered together. The HR Administrator explained that Resolution 2701 is required to define and designate amounts deducted from Employees' compensation to pay Employer's contributions to PERS as Employee Contributions, and also provide for the "pick up" of cost-sharing contributions in order to qualify them as Pre-Tax for income tax purposes. She handed out a table explaining how the contributions worked.

The Resolution No. 2702 is required to implement cost sharing for non-represented (unclassified) "Classic Members" equal to 1.5% of their PERSable compensation and will be effective the first day of the pay period that includes May 5, 2013. The 1.5% contribution will pay part of the District's employer contribution to PERS. In addition, non-represented Classic Members will continue to pay 2% of their compensation to PERS as member contributions. The District will maintain the 6% contribution to PERS, the employer-paid member contribution (EPMC), for non-represented Classic Members.

Action

On a motion made by Director Handley and seconded by Director Lathi, the Board adopted both Resolution No. 2701 and No. 2702 together in one motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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16. **RESCHEDULING THE MAY 27, 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.**

Rich Currie pointed out that May 27, 2013 is a District Holiday. Director Toy may not be able to attend.

Action

On a motion made by Director Lathi and seconded by Director Fernandez, the Board moved to reschedule the May 27, 2013 Regular Board Meeting to Tuesday, May 28, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

17. **PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

Rich Currie passed out the latest revision of the Proposition 218 Notice to Customers, and rate scenarios requested by the Board at the March 18, 2013 workshop.

Action

On a motion made by Director Fernandez and seconded by Director Toy, the Board approved the final elements of the brochure and adopted Scenario #12 as the proposal to present to property owners for a rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

18. **TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH GENERAL MANAGER**

The employment contract with the General Manager expired on February 28, 2013. This action will extend the current contract until an agreement is reached on a new contract.

Action

On a motion made by Director Handley and seconded by Director Lathi, the Board approved a temporary extension of the General Manager's employment contract to May 13, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

19. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR MARCH 2013

Rich Currie highlighted several bills in his presentation to the Board:

AB 436 would apply the doctrine of proportional fault to inverse condemnation cases, which is strongly supported by CASA.

AB 1140 has to do with prevailing wages, and that they would need to be reviewed every six months. CASA does not support this bill.

AB 1235 is similar to AB 1234, which would require elected officials to take financial management training every term of office.

SB 338 would amend the Brown Act for posting of notices at remote sites, requiring such posting 24 hours in advance, instead of 72 hours.

SB 727 would require pharmaceutical companies to fund statewide pharmaceutical take back programs.

On local issues, San Francisco is issuing the first \$335M of its \$4.8B wastewater treatment bonds; Belmont is evaluating its lateral program, and sewage sniffing dogs are being used to detect contamination now in Sonoma County, the second program of its kind.

20. REPORT ON EBDA COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2013.

Director Lathi presented the report of the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.

21. CHECK REGISTER

There were no questions from the Board.

22. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

The following Committees met: Personnel, Construction, Budget & Finance and Legislative.

Regarding AB 194, Director Lathi asked if the proposed change to public meeting law would impact the 3 minute speaking limit. It appears that, as written, it will not.

23. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

The X-Mod for FY14 is going up to 0.95, mostly attributable to several accidents two years back.

At the Hayward Marsh Stakeholders meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about the operational status of the marsh. The East Bay Parks District has approved \$2.4M to make improvements, but the cost estimate to dredge and restore the marsh is close to \$20M. This should have been done 10 years ago. The marsh is failing now. Further meetings are being scheduled.

The email address unionsanitary.ca.gov is still awaiting state approval. Once we receive it, we will convert all email and web addresses to that new address.

Special District Legislative Days are scheduled for May 14 and 15 in Sacramento. Interested Directors should let Rich or Tom know if they want to attend.

Director Toy said she may have a conflict on May 21, which is one of the days set for Board interviews of AGM candidates. Mr. Currie asked Tom Graves to work with the Board to find days that work for all Boardmembers.

Director Kite agreed to take the gift basket to the ACSDA dinner on behalf of the District.

24. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board welcomed Andy Morrison back after his recent surgery.

25. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations with SEIU Local 1021 (Calif. Govt. Code Section 54957.6). Negotiating Team Members Richard Currie, Judi Berzon, Andy Morrison and/or Glenn Berkheimer of IEDA may attend this session.

The Board then adjourned to a Special Meeting Workshop on the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Public Outreach Program to be held in the Boardroom on April 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.,

And then to the next Regular Board Meeting on April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

SUBMITTED:

ATTEST:

TOM GRAVES
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

MANNY FERNANDEZ
SECRETARY

APPROVED:

PAT KITE
PRESIDENT

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2013.



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Jennifer Toy

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*General Manager/
District Engineer*

David M. O'Hara
Attorney

DATE: April 8, 2013

MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District

FROM: Richard B. Currie, General Manager/District Engineer
Tom Graves, Assistant to the General Manager/Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8 - Meeting of April 8, 2013
**NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO CALIFORNIA
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Recommendation

Provide direction to staff if the Board elects to submit a nomination for election of a CSDA Board of Directors candidate.

Background

CSDA has an 18-member Board of Directors that includes three representatives from each of six regions in California. USD is a member of Region 3, the Bay Coastal Region. Eligible candidates can be a board member or management-level employee of any member district located in the geographic region. Each regular member (district) in good standing is entitled to nominate one (1) director to represent its region. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 24, 2013. No one on the management staff has expressed an interest in this position.

Currently, Seat B in Region 3 is up for election. The term is three years. There is one candidate vying for the seat. The candidate, Ms. Sterrett, is the incumbent director, and a member of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District.

Attachments



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

UNION SANITARY DISTRICT
02-26-13 10:02 RCVD

DATE: February 22, 2013
TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers
FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee
**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT B**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2014 - 2016 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical regions. Each of the six regions has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA regular member located within the geographic region that they seek to represent. (See attached Region Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration.

Commitment: Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide. A board member is expected to attend all board meetings held every other month, usually on the second Friday of the month, at CSDA's office in Sacramento. Besides serving on the Board, each Board Member is expected to participate on at least one committee, which usually meets 3-4 times a year in Sacramento. CSDA reimburses directors for their related expenses for Board and Committee meetings as outlined in Board Policy. In addition, all Board Members are expected to attend CSDA's two annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days (held in the spring) and the Annual Conference (held in the fall) as part of their obligation to the CSDA membership; expenses for these two events are not reimbursed by CSDA, even if a board meeting or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event.

Nomination Procedures: Any regular member Independent Special District is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of

Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 24, 2013.** Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or faxed.

Nominees will receive a Candidate's Packet in the mail. The packet will include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will mail ballots on June 7th. The ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 2, 2013 and must be the original ballot (no faxes or e-mails). The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 6th. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in September.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for regional breakdown)

Region 1	Seat B	Greg Orsini, McKinleyville Community Services District*
Region 2	Seat B	Ginger Root, Tuxedo Country-Club Rural Fire Protection*
Region 3	Seat B	Sherry Sterrett, Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District*
Region 4	Seat B	Tim Ruiz, East Niles Community Services District*
Region 5	Seat B	Kathy Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District*
Region 6	Seat B	Bill Nelson, Orange County Cemetery District*

(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Lowe at 877-924-CSDA or charlottel@csga.net.



**California Special
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Districts Stronger Together

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE BE SURE THE CANDIDATE'S PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Region: _____ (see attached map)

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this **form and a Board resolution/minute action** supporting
the candidate by fax or mail to:

CSDA
Attn: Charlotte Lowe
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732 (916) 442-7889 fax

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – May 24, 2013



CSDA Regions



2013 Board of Directors by Region

Region 1

David Edwards, *East Quincy Services District*
 Greg Orsini, *McKinleyville CSD*
 Phil Schoefer, *Western Shasta RCD*

Region 2

Pete Kampa, *Tuolumne Utilities District*
 Noelle Mattock, *El Dorado Hills CSD*
 Ginger Root, *Tuxedo Country Club FPD*

Region 3

Vincent Ferrante, *Moss Landing Harbor District*
 Sherry Sterrett, *Pleasant Hill RPD*
 Stanley Caldwell, *Mt. View Sanitary District*

Region 4

Steven Esselman, *North of the River MWD*
 Tim Ruiz, *East Niles CSD*
 Steve Perez, *Rosamond CSD*

Region 5

Elaine Freeman, *Rancho Simi RPD*
 Kathy Tiegs, *Cucamonga Valley Water District*
 Jim Acosta, *Saticoy Sanitary District*

Region 6

Jo MacKenzie, *Vista Irrigation District*
 Bill Nelson, *Orange County Cemetery District*
 Elaine Sullivan, *Leucadia Wastewater District*

9. This item has no written materials.



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DATE: April 1, 2013

MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District

FROM: Richard Currie, General Manager/District Engineer
Jesse Gill, TSCS Work Group Manager
Michael Dunning, EC Coach
Mike Auer, Environmental Outreach Representative

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10 . - Meeting of April 8, 2013
Information Item: **Earth Day 2013**

Recommendation

Information only

Background

On Saturday April 20, 2013 the Environmental Compliance (EC) Team will participate in celebrating Earth Day. Once again, the City of Fremont and Washington Hospital are collaborating for this event that will be held at Washington Hospital's Conrad E. Anderson, M.D. Auditoriums, at 2500 Mowry Avenue in Fremont from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On April 23, 2013, the EC Team will participate in the Ohlone College Earth Day event at 39399 Cherry Street in Newark from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Environmental Compliance staff will share information with the public related to Residential Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) reduction and the Pollution Prevention Programs. Participants will also be educated about using less toxic products at home and about the proper disposal of mercury containing devices and unused medications.

Various handouts related to the reduction of Fats, Oil, and Grease, Integrated Pest Management and Green Business will be made available to the public. For children, staff will hand out pencils, grease scrappers and workbooks related to the sanitary

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sewers. In addition, tote bags made of recycled materials will be given to residents who sign our Pollution Prevention Pledge.

The District is placing an ad in the Tri-City Voice announcing the Residential FOG, Pharmaceutical and Thermometer Take-Back Programs during Earth Day for the Tri-City residents.

Attachments:

Earth Day Ad



Protect Your Bay On Earth Day



Visit Union Sanitary District's Booth At Fremont's Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 20 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Washington Hospital – Washington West
2500 Mowry Avenue

StopFOG With A FREE Grease Scraper!

Learn how to prevent expensive repairs and protect the environment by keeping Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) out of your sewer.

FREE Safe Medicine Disposal

Empty pills into one resealable bag and bring to our booth – recycle the containers at home. Bring liquids and lotions in original containers with personal info blacked out or removed.

FREE Thermometer Exchange

USD will trade your mercury thermometer for a non-hazardous version at no charge. We will also recycle other mercury-containing devices for you.

For more information, call USD at (510) 477-7621
Protecting The Tri-Cities and San Francisco Bay



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DATE: April 1, 2013

MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District

FROM: Richard Currie, General Manager/District Engineer
David O'Hara, Counsel

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11 . - Meeting of April 8, 2013
Information Item: **January CASA Summary**

Recommendation

Information only

Background

The January CASA Summary report is attached.

Attachments:

February 28, 2013

Richard B. Currie

General Manager/District Engineer

Union Sanitary District

5072 Benson Road,

Union City, CA 94587-2508

RE: CASA Mid-year Conference; summary of presentations

Dear Mr. Currie,

The January CASA conference featured a number of items of general interest:

CSRMA

As usual, the risk management seminar was interesting and informative.

Chris Ewers of Ewers Engineering presented more than a half dozen methods of inspecting force mains, several of which do not require anything in the pipe. Australia seems to lead in the area of non-invasive scanning.

Randy Musgraves addressed the CASA Administrative Survey results.

Significant expected turnover would likely result in short-term extra work, inviting more errors.

The survey suggested that GMs, supervisors and line employees be transitioned to "at will" employment. It can be expected that employees will view this as a *take away*.

There was also a suggestion that e-mails be eliminated after 6 months, Then every ninety days chuck all e-mails over 90 days old.

Novato has had impressive results with its Practical Wellness Program, particularly with lower back/core strengthening. There were notable general health improvements as well as injury reduction. The employees participating each received one of those large balls seen in aerobics studios.

Workers Compensation An excellent practice is to review job descriptions to ensure they match the physical requirements of the job. I was impressed with the Return to Work form provided by the CSRMA consultant, York. A copy of maintenance worker form is attached.

Note: All new hires after January 1, 2013 must receive a Workers Compensation pamphlet.

The future CASA

The CASA Strategic Plan

The programs will continue as in the past.

72% of members prefer reducing conferences to 2 per year, eliminating the April conference. The spring gathering in 2014 will be 1 to 1 ½ days.

They want more input from members regarding legislation.

Empowering committees has been recommended, as well as reducing the number of committees.

There is some feeling that the Executive Director should not have many other clients to service.

Federal Legislative Committee

Priorities are: Immigration, gun control and the budget.

Assistance for water infrastructure is a focus. It seems likely that low interest loans for large projects will be available.

Direct financial assistance from the federal government will replace SRF programs at some point in the near future.

Bioenergy

Several presentations on alternative for bioenergy development were made. The California Energy Commission is proposing funding criteria for R & D and marketing biogas.

John Willis, Brown and Caldwell, discussed several public/private partnership opportunities. Some of these were essentially selling digester gas. Others were a variety of interesting proposals.

There were also presentations on projects which I could not see having any application to USD, but all were interesting to me from a technical standpoint.

The emphasis on bioenergy and recycling in this conference was, I thought, timely.

Attorneys Committee

As usual, state and federal legislative measures, now in their infancy, were debated, Nothing of concern at this time.

SWRCB realignment, volumetric pricing and the possible difficulties facing agencies with ocean outfalls was given considerable time.

Recent Notice of Violation issuances are of concern.

Several recent state and federal case decisions were considered, with no major concerns expressed. The decision in the LA vs. Kern County biosolids ban decision had not come down yet, but the predictions were correct.

While a little uneven, the conference was good and interesting. This is an excellent way for sewer agency attorneys to keep up-to-date as well as an excellent forum for questions. A very good investment of time and effort! There were 46 attorneys in attendance. It is a bit strange being in the hotel for about 4 hours after the other conference attendees leave.


Dave

Date: _____

Physician's Assessment – Return to Work

Position: Maintenance Worker

Nature of injury: _____

Essential Functions	% / day	Physical demand	Yes	No	Action	Duration	Comments:
Lift Manhole Riser	10	0-36" 122 lbs.			Sit		
Lift Manhole Cover	10	0-50" 60 lbs.			Stand		
Lift Cement Bag	10	0 – 50" 60 lbs.			Walk		
Open Manhole Cover	25	30-36" 75 lbs.					
Operate Jackhammer	25	30 -40" 90 lbs.			Lifting	Pounds	Comments:
Carry and Pull Hoses	40	0-40" 60 lbs. 41-72" 30 lbs. Pull at waist 45 lbs.			0 -36 "		
Retrieve/Dispose Debris	30	0-50" 45 lbs.			36 – 60"		
Enter/Drive Maint. Truck	50	Lift self / step up to cab			> 60"		
					Arm/Hand / Upper Extremity:		

Estimate duration of treatment: _____ Estimate duration of job modification: _____ Percentage improved since onset of injury: _____

Ergonomic factors that may delay recovery: _____

Physician request that may assist recovery: _____

Physician Signature: _____

Employee Signature: _____

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150014	3/28/2013	800273.24	ANDERSON PACIFIC ENG CONST INC	PRIMARY CLARIFIERS 1 - 4 REHABILITATION	\$248,956.85	\$248,956.85
150049	3/28/2013	800311.20	GSE CONSTRUCTION CO INC	BOYCE LIFT STATION	\$188,413.00	\$188,413.00
149999	3/21/2013	380.3	W. R. FORDE ASSOCIATES	MISC SPOT REPAIRS PHASE IV	\$151,611.65	\$151,611.65
149949	3/21/2013	220124.1	CAL SAN RISK MNGT AUTH	7/1/11-12 WC PROGRAM ADJ	\$132,779.00	\$132,779.00
149985	3/21/2013	666720130304	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC	SERV TO 02/22/13 PASEO PADRE PS	\$162.74	\$83,131.93
	3/21/2013	140120130307		SERV TO 03/06/13 IRVINGTON PS	\$53,344.65	
	3/21/2013	892820130304		SERV TO 03/03/13 HAYWARD MARSH	\$109.31	
	3/21/2013	170120130311		SERV TO 02/20/13 PLANT	\$28,097.71	
	3/21/2013	898220130304		SERV TO 03/03/13 FREMONT PS	\$205.22	
	3/21/2013	102720130307		SERV TO 03/07/13 BOYCE RD PS	\$1,212.30	
150021	3/28/2013	11186910	BROWN & CALDWELL CONSULTANTS	FLOW EQUALIZATION STUDY UPDATE	\$8,569.71	\$65,864.91
	3/28/2013	11187606		BOYCE ROAD LIFT STATION	\$56,628.31	
	3/28/2013	11187668		THICKENER 3 AND 4 REHABILITATION	\$666.89	
150070	3/28/2013	1219	QUANTUM RESOLVE INC	HANSEN 8 UPGRADE	\$49,300.00	\$49,300.00
150038	3/28/2013	35387	DW NICHOLSON CORP	AERATION BLOWER VIBRATION MONITORS	\$37,407.42	\$37,407.42

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150032	3/28/2013	201002827	COVELLO GROUP INC	COGENERATION/INKA DEMOLITION	\$3,667.00	\$32,656.50
	3/28/2013	20120244		MISC SPOT REPAIRS PHASE 4	\$8,788.50	
	3/28/2013	201103314		THICKENER 3 & 4 REHABILITATION	\$9,662.50	
	3/28/2013	201002230		PRIMARY CLARIFIERS 1 - 4 REHABILITATION	\$10,220.50	
	3/28/2013	20120226		COGENERATION PROJECT	\$318.00	
150060	3/28/2013	121209.1	MONTEREY MECHANICAL CO	MICROWAVE COMMUNICATION	\$27,269.75	\$27,269.75
150004	3/28/2013	59075	3T EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	6 PIPEPATCH KIT - WINTER	\$3,942.00	\$19,607.07
	3/28/2013	59077		10 PIPEPATCH KIT - SUMMER & 1 FLOW THROUGH PACKER	\$15,665.07	
150035	3/28/2013	XJ39W9MN9	DELL MARKETING LP C/O DELL USA	2 Q3 LAPTOPS	\$5,471.46	\$18,021.29
	3/28/2013	XJ3972249		4 Q3 LAPTOPS	\$5,482.95	
	3/28/2013	XJ396D2C3		4 Q3 DUAL MONITOR COMPUTERS	\$7,066.88	
149946	3/21/2013	21356	BEECHER ENGINEERING	BOYCE ROAD LIFT STATION	\$1,120.00	\$17,745.00
	3/21/2013	21352		COGENERATION PROJECT	\$750.00	
	3/21/2013	21355		MCC REPLACEMENT - PHASE 2	\$14,720.00	
	3/21/2013	21357		THICKENER CONTROL BLDG INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,155.00	
150091	3/28/2013	2023141	WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES	I-680 AT SABERCAT RD SEWER REPLACEMENT	\$11,202.72	\$16,120.55
	3/28/2013	2023142		NEWARK FLAT TOPS AREA SEWER RELOCATION	\$4,917.83	
149959	3/21/2013	92621708	ESRI INC	ESRI SWM RENEWAL	\$11,846.00	\$11,846.00
150016	3/28/2013	299	AUTOMATED NETWORK CONTROLS	HEADWORKS AND EMERGENCY OUTFALL	\$11,760.00	\$11,760.00

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149971	3/21/2013	9017321139	KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.	7.54 DRY TONS FERROUS CHLORIDE	\$5,695.48	\$11,292.77
	3/21/2013	9017321138		7.41 DRY TONS FERROUS CHLORIDE	\$5,597.29	
150053	3/28/2013	9017322113	KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC.	7.19 DRY TONS FERROUS CHLORIDE	\$5,431.11	\$11,043.49
	3/28/2013	9017323020		7.43 DRY TONS FERROUS CHLORIDE	\$5,612.38	
149940	3/21/2013	4071038120130304	ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	SERV TO: 03/04/13-BENSON ROAD	\$46.06	\$9,092.51
	3/21/2013	4071036120130304		SERV TO: 03/04/13-BENSON ROAD	\$8,966.31	
	3/21/2013	4071037120130305		SERV TO: 03/04/13-BENSON ROAD	\$80.14	
149991	3/21/2013	901123250	SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC	1,997 GALS HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	\$8,746.86	\$8,746.86
150079	3/28/2013	901131058	SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC	1,997 GALS HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	\$8,746.86	\$8,746.86
150000	3/21/2013	20130220	WATEREUSE ASSOCIATION OF CALIF	2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$8,624.00	\$8,624.00
150054	3/28/2013	118984	KNAPP POLLY PIG INC	1 EA PIG	\$8,300.60	\$8,300.60
150037	3/28/2013	16002	DOUGLAS PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING	24 NEW F SANAFOAM VAPOROOTER II US	\$7,925.34	\$7,925.34
150085	3/28/2013	539044	UNIVAR USA INC	4,872 GALS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$2,403.88	\$7,340.91
	3/28/2013	538811		5,002 GALS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$2,468.02	
	3/28/2013	539394		5,004 GALS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$2,469.01	
149996	3/21/2013	537564	UNIVAR USA INC	5,003 GALS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$2,468.51	\$7,309.31
	3/21/2013	537270		4,937 GALS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$2,435.95	
	3/21/2013	537881		4,874 GALS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$2,404.85	

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149937	3/21/2013	59049	3T EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	6 PIPEPATCH KIT - WINTER	\$2,832.92	\$7,201.97
	3/21/2013	59034		10 PIPEPATCH KIT - WINTER	\$4,369.05	
149969	3/21/2013	44950006	JACOBS ASSOCIATES	COGENERATION PROJECT	\$7,130.50	\$7,130.50
150024	3/28/2013	100000013948913	CALPERS	EMP FOURTH LEVEL SURVIVORS FY 2012/2013	\$6,288.00	\$6,288.00
150074	3/28/2013	6173	ROTORK CONTROLS INC	1 ROTORK VALVE	\$5,763.75	\$5,763.75
149983	3/21/2013	97720130305	DAVID M O'HARA ATTY AT LAW	CIP LEGAL - FEBRUARY 13	\$1,753.50	\$5,743.50
	3/21/2013	86420130305		GENERAL LEGAL - FEB 13	\$3,990.00	
149988	3/21/2013	116746	R-2 ENGINEERING INC	1 STATOR C320HQ	\$5,011.23	\$5,011.23
150067	3/28/2013	786809	POLYDYNE INC	42,760 LBS CLARIFLOC WE-539	\$5,325.03	\$4,869.51
	3/28/2013	789374		42,760 LBS CLARIFLOC WE-539	\$-455.52	
149953	3/21/2013	191219	CRANE CARE OPERATIONS	PREP CLASS NCCCO-SIMMONS, COOPER & NICOLETI	\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00
150069	3/28/2013	130213	PROSAFE	32 HRS INSPECTIONS & 2.5 HRS SPCC	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00
149994	3/21/2013	6687	TODAY'S BUILDER CORP	REFUND # 16341	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
149987	3/21/2013	34884	PUMP REPAIR SERVICE CO INC	2 HOUSING BEARINGS, 1 GASKET & 1 SHAFT COUPLING	\$3,209.40	\$3,209.40
150009	3/28/2013	130201173	AIRTECH MECHANICAL INC	MAINT SERV/INSPECTION FEB 2013	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
149951	3/21/2013	3116138001	CALIFORNIA SERVICE TOOL INC	ASTD FLUKE PARTS	\$3,130.57	\$3,130.57
149993	3/21/2013	2018	TNT ENTERPRISES	FIRST AID CPR TRAINING	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
150084	3/28/2013	402870	TRACKER, A DIV. OF C2, LLC	PORTFOLIO ACCOUNTING & REPORTING ANNUAL	\$2,940.00	\$2,940.00

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150064	3/28/2013	206138	PACHECO BROTHERS GARDENING INC	WEED ABATEMENT WORK MAR 2013	\$1,055.00	\$2,523.00
	3/28/2013	206137		LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES MAR 2013	\$1,468.00	
150077	3/28/2013	6836	JEFFREY SCHLAGEL	REFUND # 16306	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
150025	3/28/2013	493228	CALTEST ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	7 LAB SAMPLE ANALYSIS	\$2,213.50	\$2,213.50
149976	3/21/2013	47824125	MCMASTER SUPPLY INC	ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$33.82	\$2,206.73
	3/21/2013	47917576		6 EA ANCHOR SHACKLES	\$534.25	
	3/21/2013	47994522		4 EA COTTON BIB SHOP APRONS	\$42.04	
	3/21/2013	47832398		1 EA FILTER	\$31.86	
	3/21/2013	48152559		ASTD PLASTIC DANGER SIGNS	\$136.50	
	3/21/2013	48097052		ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$1,428.26	
149938	3/21/2013	130101033	AIRTECH MECHANICAL INC	SERVICE CALL: BLDG 82 ADMIN OFFICE #204	\$1,934.00	\$1,934.00
150045	3/28/2013	220430	CITY OF FREMONT	MISC SPOT REPAIRS PHASE 4	\$1,871.63	\$1,871.63
150056	3/28/2013	3715894	MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY LLC	CREDIT FOR 3 RAIN SUIT JACKETS ON INV 3708107	\$-115.96	\$1,734.72
	3/28/2013	3716985		ASTD GLOVES	\$958.68	
	3/28/2013	3708107		3 EA RAIN SUIT JACKETS	\$115.96	
	3/28/2013	3708523		ASTD GLOVES & JACKETS	\$668.13	
	3/28/2013	3715895		3 RAIN SUIT JACKETS	\$107.91	
150026	3/28/2013	375980	CDW GOVERNMENT LLC	ADDITIONAL MICROSOFT LICENSES	\$1,701.00	\$1,701.00
149968	3/21/2013	136538	J M SQUARED ASSOCIATES INC	1 EA BOWL THROTTLE RING	\$1,652.58	\$1,652.58

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150087	3/28/2013	1111	VON EUW TRUCKING	10 HRS CLEAN DIRT OFF HAUL & 3.5 HRS	\$1,543.00	\$1,543.00
149997	3/21/2013	20130304	US POSTAL SERVICE	PO BOX FEE - 1 YEAR	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00
149981	3/21/2013	24796365	MOTION INDUSTRIES INC	1 EA ELECTRIC MOTOR	\$1,475.90	\$1,475.90
150089	3/28/2013	28939	WECO INDUSTRIES LLC	12 CONCAVE ROOT SAW STANDARD BLADE ONLY	\$1,398.32	\$1,398.32
150096	3/28/2013	512547001	ZEMARC CORPORATION	1 SENSOR (FOR NPS HEADGATE)	\$1,336.79	\$1,336.79
150051	3/28/2013	1480	IRON MOUNTAIN	OFF-SITE STORAGE AND SERVICES FEB 2013	\$274.79	\$1,245.98
	3/28/2013	3655		OFF-SITE STORAGE AND SERVICES FEB 2013	\$971.19	
149954	3/21/2013	237694	CURTIS & TOMPKINS LTD	11 LAB SAMPLE ANALYSIS	\$350.00	\$1,225.00
	3/21/2013	237638		28 LAB SAMPLE ANALYSIS	\$545.00	
	3/21/2013	237639		20 LAB SAMPLE ANALYSIS	\$330.00	
149977	3/21/2013	504693	MCMILLAN SECURITY SYSTEMS	SPARE PARTS FOR SECURITY SYSTEM	\$1,201.00	\$1,201.00
150008	3/28/2013	9013448032	AIRGAS NCN	2 CYL ARGON	\$701.42	\$1,190.42
	3/28/2013	9908311147		CYLINDER RENTAL	\$489.00	
150001	3/21/2013	8739	WESTERN MACHINE & FAB INC	6 CLARIFIER SCRAPERS	\$1,169.46	\$1,169.46
150072	3/28/2013	15781	RMC WATER & ENVIRONMENT	LOCAL LIMITS & WASTEWATER TREATABILITY	\$1,131.25	\$1,131.25
150013	3/28/2013	108138	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES INC	04/13-04/14 CRIME RENEWAL	\$1,124.00	\$1,124.00
149982	3/21/2013	5335422	NELSON STAFFING SOLUTIONS	TEMP LABOR-GOYENA, L., WKEND 02/17/13	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00
149957	3/21/2013	96923	EMBARCADERO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	ER/STUDIO MAINTENANCE RENEWAL	\$1,071.00	\$1,071.00
150092	3/28/2013	20130322	SHARON WEST	EXP REIMB: APA ANNUAL CONGRESS	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00

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149978	3/21/2013	20130318	JAMES MCPHERSON	EXP REIMB: UTIL MGMT CONF - 3/9 - 3/13	\$540.76	\$1,023.20
	3/21/2013	20130320		EXP REIMB: PLANNER/SCHEDULER TRNG REFRESHMENTS	\$482.44	
150082	3/28/2013	6839	STREAMLINE PLUMBING & DRAIN	REFUND # 16357 & 16358	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
150030	3/28/2013	20130228	COMMUNICATION & CONTROL INC	UTILITY FEE/ANTENNA RENTAL	\$994.72	\$994.72
149942	3/21/2013	86405062	APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIE	2 BEARINGS AND BELTS	\$974.18	\$974.18
150088	3/28/2013	8053242899	VWR INTERNATIONAL LLC	12 PKS FILTER GLASS FIBR 4.25CM	\$802.46	\$930.16
	3/28/2013	8053232975		2 PK HYDROGEN SULFUR DETECTOR TUBES 0.5-40 PPM	\$127.70	
149964	3/21/2013	9074146946	GRAINGER INC	1 EA MOTOR MOUNTING BASE & 1 EA LADDER	\$492.68	\$928.63
	3/21/2013	9073157092		3 EA INSULATED CONNECTOR, MULTI-TAP	\$146.87	
	3/21/2013	9076241000		1 EA EMERGENCY LIGHT	\$216.81	
	3/21/2013	9077529650		2 EA LED LAMPS	\$72.27	
149966	3/21/2013	3G0657	HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS	ASTD PVC PARTS & MATERIALS	\$302.19	\$886.09
	3/21/2013	3G0611		ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$309.61	
	3/21/2013	3G0612		ASTD TUBING & VALVE BALL CHECK TUBCV	\$205.23	
	3/21/2013	3G0702		ASTD PVC PIPE & ELBOWS	\$69.06	
150041	3/28/2013	117269	FASTENAL	ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$867.63	\$867.63
150062	3/28/2013	5336067	NELSON STAFFING SOLUTIONS	TEMP LABOR-GOYENA, L., WKEND 02/24/13	\$864.00	\$864.00

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150058	3/28/2013	48716874	MCMaster SUPPLY INC	ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$346.69	\$850.92
	3/28/2013	48268953		4 EA METRIC LIQUID-FILLED GAUGES	\$136.34	
	3/28/2013	48352846		2 EA FLOOR-MOUNT DOOR STOPS	\$33.17	
	3/28/2013	48435148		ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$53.14	
	3/28/2013	48247776		2 EA MULTIRANGE BRASS POP-SAFETY VALVES	\$17.56	
	3/28/2013	48572611		ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$240.28	
	3/28/2013	48362725		6 EA STRUT-MOUNT CLAMPS	\$23.74	
149965	3/21/2013	1341079	HANSON AGGREGATES INC	11.06 TONS 1/2 MED TYPE A AC	\$825.22	\$825.22
150080	3/28/2013	20130325	ROBERT SIMONICH	EXP REIMB: CWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOTEL	\$823.41	\$823.41
150020	3/28/2013	284478	BRENNTAG PACIFIC, INC.	3846 GAL SODIUM HYDROXIDE	\$731.54	\$731.54
150073	3/28/2013	1001971	ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	HOT WATER LOOP SERVICE	\$685.90	\$685.90
149960	3/21/2013	780653	EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVC	HAZMAT DISPOSAL	\$670.00	\$670.00
150006	3/28/2013	5919739	ABC IMAGING, INC.	THICKENER CONTROL BLDG INTERIM IMPROV	\$667.34	\$667.34
149952	3/21/2013	280854	CALTROL INC	2 PRESSURE GAUGES	\$648.31	\$648.31
150044	3/28/2013	59117129021	FREMONT URGENT CARE CENTER	FIRST AID OFFICE VISIT	\$117.86	\$647.86
	3/28/2013	116517740		3 NEW HIRE PHYSICAL	\$530.00	
149990	3/21/2013	13031071	SCADA SUPPORT GROUP	PLC REPLACEMENT - PHASE 1	\$647.50	\$647.50
150094	3/28/2013	1204517674	WRA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS	FORCE MAIN CONSTRUCTION	\$630.25	\$630.25
150029	3/28/2013	29048	CLAREMONT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES	APRIL 2013 EAP PREMIUM	\$625.60	\$625.60

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150022	3/28/2013	2710	CAL SAN RISK MNGT AUTH	CLAIM: VIRDEE FILE #1813839	\$615.80	\$615.80
150065	3/28/2013	29582414	PAN-PACIFIC SUPPLY COMPANY	1SEAL KIT SPLIT 221 2.125 INCH	\$607.47	\$607.47
149975	3/21/2013	3713881	MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY LLC	8 EA HIGH-VIS JACKETS	\$309.23	\$580.24
	3/21/2013	3713976		5 DZ LEATHER GLOVES	\$271.01	
150043	3/28/2013	9260	FREMONT EXPRESS COURIER SVC	COURIER SERVICES: FEB 2013	\$570.00	\$570.00
150015	3/28/2013	4150922	AT&T	SERV: 02/01/13-02/28/13	\$566.31	\$566.31
150012	3/28/2013	5072960	ALL INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY	4 LED PT-120-277-24-50-DL DAYLIGHT	\$468.66	\$543.07
	3/28/2013	5073062		2 DOWNLIGHT RING	\$74.41	
150068	3/28/2013	20130322	DAVE PORT	EXP REIMB: LODGING FOR PETE CHAPARRO	\$543.00	\$543.00
150002	3/21/2013	1841058889	WINGFOOT COMMERCIAL TIRE LLC	8 TIRES PASSENGER INTEGRITY	\$504.71	\$504.71
149962	3/21/2013	227762	FRANK A OLSEN COMPANY	1013993 DEZURIK WORM GEAR ACTUATOR	\$502.81	\$502.81
150011	3/28/2013	6845	ALERT PLUMBING	REFUND # 16349	\$500.00	\$500.00
150042	3/28/2013	6798	FIX-IT PLUMBING INC	REFUND # 16346	\$500.00	\$500.00
150052	3/28/2013	6808	JD PLUMBING	REFUND # 16347	\$500.00	\$500.00
150055	3/28/2013	7408	LOOKINGPOINT INC	MONTHLY PREMIER SUPPORT - MAR 2013	\$500.00	\$500.00
150076	3/28/2013	6833	SANACT INC DBA ROTO-ROOTER	REFUND # 16350	\$500.00	\$500.00
150007	3/28/2013	20130322	PAUL ABOUMRAD	THIRD PARTY CLAIM	\$497.00	\$497.00
149980	3/21/2013	15700622076	METTLER-TOLEDO INC	LAB EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$491.50	\$491.50

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150019	3/28/2013	9746860	BLAISDELL'S	4 BOOKENDS & 1 DOCUMENT COVER	\$36.63	\$489.47
	3/28/2013	9748770		5 MECHANICAL PENCILS	\$26.23	
	3/28/2013	9745330		ASTD OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$152.72	
	3/28/2013	9748760		1 TONER CARTRIDGE & 1 SCRATCH PAPER	\$259.47	
	3/28/2013	9747690		3 MAGAZINE FILE	\$14.42	
149989	3/21/2013	2208789002	S & S SUPPLIES & SOLUTIONS	24 FACESHIELDS	\$274.76	\$478.10
	3/21/2013	2217259002		30 BXS BANDAGES PLASTIC ADHESIVE	\$27.92	
	3/21/2013	2217259003		60 DEUCE SAFETY GLASSES CLEAR LENS	\$175.42	
150066	3/28/2013	20130321	PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH REPLENISHMENT	\$467.78	\$467.78
149974	3/21/2013	20130315	DAVID LIVINGSTON	EXP REIMB: AIRFARE TO NASHVILLE FOR WEF BIOSOLIDS CC	\$464.10	\$464.10
150040	3/28/2013	9848	EOFF MANUFACTURING	REPAIR STEEL PLATE COVER ON SCRUBBER 7 FRAME	\$440.00	\$440.00
150028	3/28/2013	39471	CITYLEAF INC	PLANT MAINTENANCE - MAR 2013	\$437.13	\$437.13
150095	3/28/2013	66819919	XEROX CORPORATION	MTHLY MAINTENANCE BASED ON USE	\$41.00	\$420.15
	3/28/2013	66819917		MTHLY MAINTENANCE BASED ON USE	\$379.15	
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	3/28/2013	20130322.2		EXP REIMB: MEALS & MISC TRAVEL EXPS CGA CONF, FLORII	\$284.28	
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150017	3/28/2013	291730	BAY AREA BARRICADE SERVICE INC	10 FIBERGLASS POSTS & 5 SHOVELS	\$363.82	\$363.82

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149958	3/21/2013	677674	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	3 TRACE METALS, WASTEWATR	\$297.25	\$297.25
150090	3/28/2013	43249	WEST COAST COMPRESSOR	2 ELEMENTS & 2 FILTER ELEMENTS	\$274.65	\$274.65
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149943	3/21/2013	291459	BAY AREA BARRICADE SERVICE INC	3 CS MARKING PAINT	\$259.52	\$259.52
149970	3/21/2013	78/672320	KANO LABORATORIES INC	2 CS AEROKROIL	\$249.89	\$249.89
150027	3/28/2013	20130318	PETE CHAPARRO	TRAVEL/MEAL REIMB: BACKFOW TRAINING	\$238.37	\$238.37
149948	3/21/2013	20130319	LAURIE BRENNER	EXP REIMB: GRADE IV TRAINING	\$202.08	\$202.08
150047	3/28/2013	1176536503	GLACIER ICE COMPANY INC	107 EA, 7-LB BAGS OF ICE	\$200.88	\$200.88
150046	3/28/2013	20130322	LUZ P GARCIA	CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT	\$200.00	\$200.00
150081	3/28/2013	4274	SKIL-PAINTING INC	SANDBLAST FAN HOUSING	\$200.00	\$200.00
150071	3/28/2013	8200000006385	RED WING SHOE STORE	SAFETY SHOES - LU	\$171.39	\$171.39
149992	3/21/2013	445310970	TELEPACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS	WIRELESS INTERNET BACKUP - MARCH	\$159.00	\$159.00
149944	3/21/2013	148981	BAY CENTRAL PRINTING	250 BUSINESS CARDS: J. RODRIGUES	\$157.68	\$157.68
149973	3/21/2013	1290869	LA MOTTE CHEMICAL	ASTD REAGENT REFILL SULFIDE TEST SOLUTIONS	\$145.73	\$145.73
149955	3/21/2013	20130225.2	DALE HARDWARE INC	02/13 - ASTD PARTS & MATERIALS	\$142.81	\$142.81

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	3/28/2013	9080931521		2 EA WIRE MARKER SLEEVES	\$136.04	
	3/28/2013	9085274463		CREDIT FOR 1 EA REPLACEMENT LENS	\$-17.44	
	3/28/2013	9084743534		1 EA REPLACEMENT LENS	\$17.44	
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	3/21/2013	9736160		1 TRACKBALL MOUSE	\$32.84	
150033	3/28/2013	237762	CURTIS & TOMPKINS LTD	4 LAB SAMPLE ANALYSIS	\$105.00	\$105.00
150018	3/28/2013	149109	BAY CENTRAL PRINTING	250 BUSNIESS CARDS: T. GRILLO	\$100.74	\$100.74
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149941	3/21/2013	5072579	ALL INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY	2 ARCHITECTURAL DOWNLIGHTS	\$91.20	\$91.20
150093	3/28/2013	22339	WILEY PRICE & RADULOVICH LLP	LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW FEES	\$85.50	\$85.50
149986	3/21/2013	20130304	DAVE PORT	EXP REIMB: HOSTING BAMI MEETING	\$80.90	\$80.90
150075	3/28/2013	1818408931	SAFELITE GLASS CORPORATION	RESEAL WINDSHIELD UNIT #16	\$68.99	\$68.99
150003	3/21/2013	20130314	JASON YEATES	EXP REIMB: MEALS AT REMTEC CONFERENCE	\$68.12	\$68.12

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149950	3/21/2013	220124.1	CALIFORNIA DYNAMICS CO	12 QSL3 318V SPRING ISOLATOR RESTRAINTS	\$55.86	\$55.86
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150034	3/28/2013	20130215	CWEA-NRTC	SEMINAR REG: A. BERLING	\$50.00	\$50.00
150061	3/28/2013	20130325	NCCIPMA	REGIS FEE: RECRUIT & SELECTION WKSHOP	\$49.00	\$49.00
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				Over \$100,000 :	4	721,760.50
				Total:	160	1,343,647.10

WATER CONSERVATION

Partial draft of Delta plan is unveiled

Brown's \$23 billion tunnel project likely to face opposition, lawsuits

By Paul Rogers
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SACRAMENTO — Gov. Jerry Brown's \$23 billion proposal to build two massive, 35-mile-long tunnels that would make it easier to move water from Northern California to farms and cities in the south and other parts of the state took a step forward Thursday with the release of the plan's first details.

But even as the Brown administration rolled out four of 12 chapters of its "draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan" amid fanfare and a Capitol news conference, hanging over all of the events was the reality that the project faces a series of huge hurdles, any of which could kill it:

■ Environmental groups and fishing groups who oppose the plan are almost certain to file a lawsuit when the project's environmental im-

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pact report comes out this summer. Such lawsuits can drag on for years.

■ The project needs state lawmakers to place a water bond on the November 2014 ballot to help generate funding. The \$11 billion water bond the Legislature approved in 2009 — painstakingly cobbled together after long negotiations between Republicans and Democrats — was pulled from the state ballot in 2010 and 2012 by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and then Brown over concerns voters would defeat it because it was widely perceived as being full of pork projects. Legislators are trying to find a two-thirds majority for a smaller water bond but so far have not.

Proposed water tunnels

Gov. Jerry Brown is proposing a 35-mile-long pair of tunnels to transport water under the Delta, costing \$23 billion to build and operate.



Source: California Natural Resources Agency BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

■ Critics already are discussing placing a ballot measure on the 2016 statewide ballot to try to kill the project if it gets that far. A ballot measure in 1982 defeated a similar project proposed by Brown during his second term as governor. Dubbed the Peripheral Canal, the proposed project became the center of a fierce north-south battle over water.

"There are so many interests, from anti-tax to anti-development, and they collide again and again. It's hard to find a center," said Larry Gerston, a political-science professor at San Jose State. "These things take decades, if ever. These are difficult times for big projects and for building consensus. The state is so fractured, and so many interests all have levers of power."

Nevertheless, the Brown administration put the best face on the project Thursday. The hundreds of pages in the documents it released contained historic information about salmon, smelt and other species in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, an overview of the years-long planning process and 22 conservation measures that planners said the tunnels project could help achieve.

Brown administration officials said the plan would help make water from the Delta more reliable and restore crashing populations of fish, which at times have caused federal officials and judges to curtail Delta pumping.

"We are making real progress," said Mark Cowin, director of the California Department of Water Resources. "Getting to this point has been a long, complicated journey, but

we ... are now closer than ever to finally safeguarding a water supply critical to California's future and restoring vitality and resiliency to the Delta ecosystem."

Absent from Thursday's document release, however, were key details of the proposal, including details of where funding will come from, who will pay and engineering specifics. Those details are expected to come out in other news conferences and document releases on March 27 and in mid-April.

The twin tunnel plan was first championed seven years ago by Schwarzenegger. Supporters, including large urban water districts and farmers, say it will help the state's most important water source return to health and reliability after years of collapsing fish populations and court rulings limiting pumping.

But critics said Thursday the plan is a boondoggle that will hasten the Delta's demise while raising water bills for millions of Californians because much of the project would be paid for through higher water rates. They said the ultimate way to restore the Delta is to pump less water from it and provide new water sources around the state through more underground storage, expanded use of recycled water and better conservation — particularly from agriculture, which uses 80 percent of the water people consume in California.

"I think that Gov. Brown, between the high-speed rail and this big water project, sees these things as his legacies," said Zeke Grader, executive director of the Pacific Coast

Federation of Fishermen's Associations in San Francisco. "They are big monuments. If he wants to have a good legacy, he should be less concerned with monuments and more concerned with long-term workable solutions."

Under Brown's plan, two side-by-side underground tunnels, each 33 feet in diameter, would carry fresh water 35 miles from the state's largest river, the Sacramento, under the Delta to giant federal and state pumps near Tracy.

There it would flow into canals run by the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project, which deliver Delta water to 25 million Californians, from the Bay Area to San Diego, and irrigate 3 million acres of farmland.

Construction would start in 2017, and the project would be completed by 2026.

The idea is to allow more flexibility, so fish that are killed in the existing pumps in Tracy would be less affected if the water was pumped out farther north. The documents released Thursday show that the Brown administration is proposing to take roughly the same amount of water from the Delta — about half of its total fresh water every year — as has been taken in recent years.

Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, said the plan's first four chapters are "pretty much in parallel with what they've been saying" at previous meetings he's attended on prior drafts. "But they're still proposing a conveyance of water," he said, "and I can't support that."

Staff writer Paul Burgarino contributed to this report.

TMG readies urban redo for Fremont

First step: 467 apartments

BY BLANCA TORRES
San Francisco Business Times

TMG Partners will kick off efforts to transform downtown Fremont into an energetic, pedestrian-friendly urban district with the groundbreaking next year on a 467-unit apartment project.

The developer has been working with the city since 2008 on a master plan to redevelop downtown's 110 acres. The City Council adopted the master plan in October, opening the door for TMG to develop the first project.

"(TMG's project) will really set the tone for the type of project that we're hoping to see in



'The housing market is very hot, especially apartments.'

David Cropper
TMG

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FREMONT: TMG to start with apartments as part of sweeping downtown plan

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the downtown," said Jessica von Borck, Fremont's downtown project manager.

TMG's preliminary design consists of two buildings on a 6.7-acre parcel at the corner of Capital Avenue and State Street. The developer is working with Steinberg Architects to design the project with ground-floor commercial space along Capital Avenue. The site was zoned for residential or commercial.

"The housing market is very hot, especially apartments," said David Cropper, a partner with TMG.

TMG will spend the rest of this year negotiating to buy the site from the city along with finalizing entitlements for the project.

The process is on the fast track to get ready for construction by May 2014, von Borck said.

Two blocks away, SummerHill Apartment

Communities is building Paragon, a 301-unit community at Walnut Avenue and California Street. That project is also within the downtown plan area, but kicked off before the plan was implemented.

"We felt that the market, even during the downturn, was underserved," said Robert Freed, CEO of SummerHill. "There hadn't been a new Class A apartment building in the area in over 10 years. The market was ready to have a high-quality, high-amenity product."

SummerHill expects the first residents in July. Rents will start at \$1,865 for a one-bedroom and \$2,400 for two bedrooms. The developer owned the site for several years before starting construction and planned to build a condo project before the recession hit.

"The (downtown) plan confirms what SummerHill is doing," Cropper said. "It's good for the city and it's good for encouraging other investments to know you're



not the only guy in the neighborhood."

Both TMG and SummerHill's projects will not only bring more residents, but also bring to the market higher-quality units. TMG's project will likely consist of five stories.

"It's what most properties are heading

towards in the Bay Area when you're near transit. You have to build that kind of density to justify land costs," Cropper said.

The downtown plan offers options for higher densities, greater height limits and a streamlined approval process. The plan also includes extending Capital Avenue to connect to Fremont Boulevard and revamping the area with streetscaping, landscaping and wider sidewalks.

Fremont, with close to 220,000 residents, is the Bay Area's fourth-largest city. Because it was formed out of five separate communities — Centerville, Niles, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs — in 1956, it lacks a core downtown.

"We are creating a unique urban environment," von Borck said. "This is our strategy to emerge from an auto-centric suburbia."

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Judge orders San Jose to disclose officials' messages on private devices

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SAN JOSE -- A Santa Clara County judge has ruled that San Jose must provide city officials' private text messages, emails or other electronic communications about city affairs in response to an activist's request, a potentially far-reaching decision that could settle a growing dispute over what open-government advocates say has become a glaring loophole in the state's public records law.

"This is an important decision," said Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition, a Santa Rosa-based nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing free speech and open government. "It's an important advance. The judge has got to be right. Because if he's not right, then personal email accounts and personal texting accounts would constitute such a huge loophole in open government laws that they would basically render the basic requirements of the law meaningless."

City Attorney Rick Doyle could not say whether the city will appeal because he hasn't discussed the decision with the City Council. But he agreed that its potential would be broad, arguing it could be troubling on both practical and privacy grounds.

"It has implications statewide," Doyle said. "We have some real concerns about it."

The ruling by Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge James P. Kleinberg on Friday was a victory for San Jose activist Ted Smith, who sued the city in August 2009 over its refusal to disclose officials' personal electronic communications in response to his request. Smith had requested emails, texts and other messages sent to and from personal devices by Mayor Chuck Reed, council members and redevelopment officials about city business including subsidizing a development in San Pedro Square downtown on property owned by former Mayor Tom McEnery and his family.

Smith's attorney, James McManis, said the city's refusal to provide the records was ironic given that Reed had championed open-government "sunshine reforms" and San Jose's groundbreaking policy, adopted in January 2010, that declared such personal electronic messaging by council members and their staff subject to disclosure.

"We hear about the Reed Reforms and sunshine, but when we ask to see the emails on private devices, we're refused," McManis said. "That's why I'm really happy we won."

Reed was traveling out of state, and his office had no immediate comment.

Smith, an environmental activist who founded the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, and McManis, a prominent lawyer, have a history of taking on City Hall on such things as lobbying regulations and campaign finance restrictions that McManis argued abridge free speech rights.

"His interest is summarized in two words," McManis said of his client. "Good government."

McManis had filed a complaint on behalf of an anonymous critic in 2008 accusing McEnery of violating the city's lobbying laws in meetings with city officials about subsidizing his San Pedro development plans. City commissioners who enforce the lobbying laws dismissed the complaint after their outside investigators deemed it largely without merit.

Smith's suit over the electronic records argued the city violated the California Public Records Act by refusing to turn over messages from personal phones and other devices in response to his June 2009 request. It named as defendants Reed, the City Council, the now-defunct redevelopment agency and its former director, Harry Mavrogenes.

The suit came as a growing nationwide battle waged over the line between government officials' public and private lives, as lawmakers embraced technology that enabled portable wireless phones to send and receive email and short text messages.

Doyle has previously pointed to arguments raised by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties in fighting a Tracy newspaper's effort to compel a city councilwoman to produce personal emails on a proposed development. They contended that compelling disclosure from officials' personal accounts would be impractical because the government agency does not control access and storage. They also argued that such requests raise privacy concerns because messages regarding official business may be mingled with others about private matters. Doyle said that if the state Legislature intends for officials' private accounts to be subject to disclosure it should say so.

San Jose made headlines in January 2010 with its policy declaring personal texts, emails and other electronic messages of council members and their staff subject to disclosure. But the question of whether the California Public Records Act covers personal devices and accounts of public officials had remained unresolved, as the Tracy newspaper lost its 2007 case on appeal over a technicality. Scheer said that if Judge Kleinberg's decision stands, it would change that.

"It is, I believe, a correct interpretation and goes beyond certainly the practices of most cities and local governments," Scheer said. "It would bring a lot more of the most important communications within local governments within the jurisdiction of the Public Records Act."

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Photo Caption: Union Sanitary District Employees Jose Rodrigues and Larry Simmers with their industry awards

Photo by Shawn Nesgis, USD

Union Sanitary District Employees Win Regional Awards

Union Sanitary District is pleased to announce that two of our employees recently received awards from the San Francisco Bay Section of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). Collections System Worker II Jose Rodrigues won the “Collection System Worker of the Year” award and operations Supervisor Larry Simmers received the “Al Ditman Professional Development Award,” a special award honoring his contributions to the professional development of CWEA Bay Section members.

CWEA is the California industry association for wastewater professionals, with about 9,000 members statewide and over 1,600 in the San Francisco Bay section, which includes Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties, plus a portion of San Mateo County. Jose’s regional award automatically enters him in CWEA’s statewide competition. Statewide awards will be announced in April.

Jose and his fellow Collection Services Workers clean, inspect and repair the District’s sewer lines daily to help ensure continuous, uninterrupted service to our customers. They also construct new connections to the sewer system, mark

utilities for digging, and respond to customer trouble calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Jose's accomplishments include helping to develop and construct a hands-on technical training station at the District's Alvarado Treatment Plant in Union City, and presenting technical training to USD employees and outside agencies. He has also presented workshops at CWEA conferences and other industry events.

"Protecting human health and providing professional service to our customers is an important job," says Jose, who joined the District in 2003. "I enjoy thinking of new ways to complete tasks safely and more efficiently, and sharing knowledge with my colleagues at USD and other agencies."

Larry supervises USD's dayshift team of state-certified operators. He is the S.F. Bay Section's Math, Operations and Maintenance seminar chairperson on the Professional Development Committee. Larry recognized a need for newer operators to receive journey-level wastewater treatment process training, and he has successfully coordinated continuing education seminars to further their knowledge.

"I wanted to give back to an industry that has been very fulfilling to me," Larry explains. "The District encourages employees to continually look for ways to learn and improve, and that has motivated me to share my interest in the science of wastewater treatment with those who are newer to the field." Larry volunteers at CWEA conferences and seminars, and he has taught introductory water/wastewater math classes. He worked with the Bay Area Clean Water Association and the Tri-Valley Regional Occupation Program to create USD's Volunteer Operator-in-Training program.

Union Sanitary District operates a 30 million gallon per day wastewater treatment facility in Union City and provides collection, treatment and disposal services to Fremont, Newark, and Union City, CA, including maintaining over 750 miles of underground pipelines. For more information about Union Sanitary District's awards, contact Michelle Powell at (510) 477-7634 or visit the District's website at www.unionsanitary.com.



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Have You Heard Of The East Bay Dischargers Authority? Here's What They Earn

The agency has three paid employees and helps with wastewater treatment and discharge for 900,000 people.

By [David Mills](#) [Email the author](#) March 21, 2013

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You may not have heard of the [East Bay Dischargers Authority](#), but the small agency is responsible for making sure that wastewater from 900,000 people in the East Bay gets safely to San Francisco Bay.

The San Lorenzo-based agency has three paid employees and ranks as the 273rd highest average employee salary among the 1,508 special districts listed in a new public pay study.

The state Controller's Office has put the 2011 salary and benefits information [on a website](#). It details city, county and special district payrolls.

The [average salary for special districts](#) across California was \$54,468 a year. The [official average salary for the East Bay Dischargers is \\$46,287 a year](#), but that's a bit misleading.

The district is officially listed as having eight employees. However, five of those are unpaid board members.

The average for the salaries of the three full-time paid employees is about \$123,000 a year.

Here's an overview of some of those numbers.

2011 Salary Study	East Bay Dischargers	Special Districts
Employees	8	67 (average)
Average Salary	\$46,287	\$54,468
Total Wages	\$370,293	\$5.5 billion

Here's the figures for the East Bay Dischargers' three paid employees for 2011. The employees are listed by position only.

The salaries include regular pay, overtime, lump sums and other payments. The benefits and pension are what the district contributed to the employee's plan.

Employee	Salary	Benefits	Pension
General Manager	\$168,697	\$17,915	\$13,496
Operations & Maintenance Manager	\$124,911	\$17,915	\$9,993

Administrative Assistant

\$76,685

\$17,915

\$5,135

The authority oversees a joint powers agreement between the city of San Leandro, the Oro Loma Sanitary District, the Castro Valley Sanitary District, the city of Hayward and the Union Sanitary District.

The five agencies provide the revenue to pay for the authority's expenses.

The authority, formed in 1974, collects the treated wastewater from the five agencies, gives it a final treatment and then discharges it deep into San Francisco Bay. It handles 70 million gallons a day.

The service covers more than 900,000 people from San Leandro to Hayward to Castro Valley. The authority also provides service to Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore through an agreement with the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency.

Mike Connor, the EBDA's general manager, said his authority is responsible for dealing with the five agencies' federal and state permits and for meeting the federal Clean Water Act.

The region had no violations since 2006. Connor said that's important because violations can cost \$1 a gallon, which adds up quickly.

Connor, who has a PhD in marine biology from MIT, said much of the authority's work requires specific technical skills. If someone makes a mistake, then the Bay gets polluted.

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