



Mt. View Monitor
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MVSD is a Safety Superstar!



With no worker's compensation claims for an entire year, MVSD was recognized as a "Safety Superstar" by the California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA) for the period of July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006. The Safety Superstar Award Program acknowledges members of the Worker's Compensation Program who can demonstrate excellence in the following three areas:

- The number of injury claims per 100 employees
- The average medical cost per claim
- How successful an organization is at getting injured employees back to work

MVSD was one of only twelve sanitation agencies in the state that could boast zero worker's compensation claims for the above time period.

Additionally, MVSD's District Manager, David Contreras, was honored with a Resolution regarding his service as a departing member of CSRMA's Worker's Compensation Committee. He was recognized for his years of hard work towards ensuring the growth and success of the CSRMA's goal to reduce insurance costs for its members and the public that they serve. Well done, David!

Protecting the Environment and Saving Money

As a good environmental citizen, MVSD believes that protecting the environment is the right thing to do. This can also mean big savings for our rate-payers. Fiscal responsibility and "green" technology can and do work together.

As creators of the first wetlands that use treated wastewater in the state and one of the trailblazers for using environmentally friendly ultraviolet disinfection, it would be easy for the District to rest on its laurels. Instead, MVSD will bring on board new cutting edge technology to reduce the District's greenhouse emission levels and save money too!

Microturbine technology

MVSD will commission a new microturbine this year to generate electricity from natural gas produced during the wastewater treatment process. Microturbine technology produces efficient, compact, ultra-low-emission electricity. MVSD believes that emerging energy technologies like microturbines can create both financial and energy savings for the public.

Biosolids - What are they?

Biosolids are the safe, nutrient-rich natural byproduct of wastewater treatment. Class B biosolids are highly processed and thoroughly analyzed to meet all regulatory and health requirements. Class B biosolids can be safely reused and may be applied to non-food crops. MVSD currently produces Class B biosolids that are used at the land-fill as alternative daily cover.

Californians generate 750,000

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Increasing Water Flow and Habitat Diversity in McNabney Marsh



Tucked between two refineries and Interstate 680, McNabney Marsh is a wildlife oasis. Its long history of community restoration efforts began in the 1970s when MVSD created Moorhen Marsh, the first wetland using treated wastewater on the West Coast. Water flows from Moorhen Marsh to McNabney Marsh, providing a year-round water supply for fish and other aquatic species.

A critical restoration project is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2007. To increase water flow and curtail cattail growth, channels in McNabney Marsh will be drained and dredged. Once sediments and vegetation are removed from these channels, new water control gates will be installed. The cleared channels and new water flow system will allow the District to regulate water regimes to match the needs of wildlife.

In the spring, MVSD will lower water levels to expose prime nesting habitat for shore birds and ducks. Cattail control will be enhanced in the summer by mixing freshwater with saltwater flows to create brackish conditions that may inhibit growth of cattails. The fall migration brings an abundance of waterfowl to the marsh. During this time, MVSD can generate higher water levels, creating resting and feeding habitat for many migratory species, increasing the habitat value of McNabney Marsh and the entire Peyton Slough Watershed.

For more information on restoration activities in McNabney Marsh, please contact MVSD Wetlands Biologist Dick Bogaert at dbogaert@mvsd.org.

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dry tons of biosolids annually. MVSD is investigating technologies, such as composting and thermal drying, that will provide for a higher degree of treatment and wider reuse. These Class A biosolids meet higher standards than Class B and are considered to be of exceptional quality because they are essentially free of disease-causing organisms. Biosolids recycling can improve the environment by:

- enhancing the soil's ability to absorb and store moisture, reducing the need to irrigate,
- protecting groundwater since, unlike chemical fertilizers, these nutrients are released slowly, preventing excess nitrate migration into aquifers,
- and reducing the need for more landfills.

Look for future updates on these exciting projects at www.mvsd.org

Celebrate Earth Day 2007!

McNabney Marsh Cleanup
Saturday, April 21
10 am to Noon



Make a difference in your neighborhood! Celebrate Earth Day 2007 by helping clean up the channels and stormdrains that empty into McNabney Marsh. Bring gloves and boots or work shoes. We will provide drinks. Meet at the Administration Building parking lot at 10 am. The first 20 participants will receive a free t-shirt!

Please **RSVP by April 13th**. Call 925-228-5635 x16 for more information or to sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!

"We do not inherit the land from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

- Native American proverb -

MVSD Recertified as a Contra Costa Green Business!!



MVSD was the first publicly owned treatment works to receive certification by the Green Business Program (GBP) in the Bay Area. In December of 2006, MVSD underwent the GBP recertification process and passed with flying colors! MVSD is proud to be a part of this important program protecting the environment in Contra Costa County.

Why Be Green?

It Makes Good Business Sense!
A Green Business...

- Improves employee morale & the health of the workplace.
- Holds a marketing edge over the competition.
- Strengthens its bottom line through operating efficiencies.
- Is recognized as an environmental leader!

Use the Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Reduce Pollution!

Bring your household hazardous wastes such as paints, batteries, pesticides, chemicals, and fluorescent bulbs to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF) for safe disposal. You can keep toxic pollution out of our local creeks, wetlands, and other waterways.

Here's what you need to know!

- MVSD and Central Contra Costa Sanitary District are co-sponsors of the HHWCF located in Martinez off Hwy 4.
- Household hazardous wastes from residents of central Contra Costa County are accepted free of charge without an appointment.
- Small businesses are charged a nominal fee based on the type and amount of waste. Please call for information.
- The HHWCF has a Reuse Room where visitors can get reusable products free!

Hours of operation for residents: Tues - Sat 9am to 4pm. (Reuse Room closes at 3:30pm). Businesses are by appointment.

For Information: Call 1-800-646-1431

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

During office hours (M-F 7 AM - 4:30 PM): 228-5635
Outside office hours: 646-2441 (Sheriff's Dept.)
Call **immediately** to report any sewer problems.

**Sanitary Sewer Backups
and Overflows**

If you need to report a sewer backup or overflow, please call MVSD (7:00 AM to 4:30 PM, M-F) at (925) 228-5635. Evenings, weekends and holidays, please call the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department (925) 646-2441 or the Martinez Police Department (925) 372-3440. They will notify MVSD's on-call staff, who will respond as soon as possible.

When reporting a problem, please have the following information ready: name, address, phone numbers, location of the overflow, and all conditions you are experiencing. We appreciate your cooperation and will work quickly to resolve the problem.

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

www.mvsd.org