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Notice of Increase in Sewer Service Charge

In June 2006, following a duly noticed and conducted public hearing, the Board of Directors of the Mt. View Sanitary District adopted an ordinance increasing the fees and charges of the District for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 by the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published by the U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics, for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Region, all urban from April of the previous year to April of the current year.

The increase for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year is **less than 1%**. The effective date of the increase for 2009-2010 is August 1, 2009.

The monthly sewer User Service Charge rate for a single family residential dwelling unit will increase in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year by 31 cents per month. Rates for other uses within the District will increase proportionally.

Notice of Change in Maximum Refuse Collection Rates

In May 2009, following a duly noticed and conducted public hearing, the Board of Directors of the Mt. View Sanitary District adopted Ordinance 2009-99 approving a new franchise agreement with Allied Waste Services, Inc. (Allied) which fixed new maximum residential and commercial rates as set forth below. The agreement allows for adjustments in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published by the U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Region. Section 53755 and 53756 of the Government Code effective January 2009 require that Notice of any CPI increase be given by mail and that any CPI increase shall not take effect until 30 days following the date of mailing of the notice. Allied will be providing notice of the rate applicable to each property within the District in the August billing statement. The new rates are as follows:

NEW RATES

Current Service

Can or Cart



Current Rates

Can/Cart Size	Monthly Rate
20-Gallon Can.....	\$23.95
32-Gallon Can.....	\$25.81
64-Gallon Cart.....	\$28.69
96-Gallon Cart.....	\$47.46

Note: Each monthly rate includes two 14-gallon recycling bins and service for up to three 32-gallon cans for yard waste.

New Service

Carts at various sizes



New Rates

Cart Size	Monthly Rate
20-Gallon.....	\$20.72
32-Gallon.....	\$26.94
2x 32-Gallon.....	\$44.92
64-Gallon.....	\$31.08
2x 64-Gallon.....	\$67.04
96-Gallon.....	\$51.80

Note: Each monthly rate includes a 64-gallon recycling cart and a 96-gallon yard waste cart.

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RECYCLING

Current Service

- Various recycling bins
- Sort Materials



New Service

- A 64-gallon cart for recycling
- No sorting; commingling OK



YARD WASTE

Current Service

- up to 3 cans per pickup
- Rental fee for yard waste cart



New Service

- No fee for first 96-gallon cart
- \$2.50 fee for additional cart



SENIOR DISCOUNTS

Senior Citizen Rates

Can/Cart Size	Monthly Rate
20-Gallon Can.....	\$15.54
32-Gallon Can.....	\$17.01
64-Gallon Cart.....	\$19.90
96-Gallon Cart.....	Not available

Note: Each monthly rate includes a 64-gallon recycling cart and a 96-gallon yard waste cart.
Senior Citizens who are 62 years of age or older and head of household may apply for discounts.

SPECIAL CHARGES

Minimum for pickup on non-service day.....	\$40.00
Extra bags.....	\$15 each
Extra recycle cart (per month fee).....	\$1.95
Extra yard waste cart (per month fee).....	\$2.50

Please look out for cart selection mailers from Allied Waste in the next few weeks!
For more information, please call Allied Waste's customer service at (925) 685-4711, or visit www.awsgcc.com

BULKY ITEM PRICE LIST

E-waste (3 pieces).....	\$5.00
Tires (less than 19").....	\$20.00
Tires (larger than 19").....	\$30.00
Televisions, computer monitors.....	\$25.00
Mattress, box spring, swamp cooler, large TV console.....	\$40.00
Washer, couch/sofa.....	\$50.00
Stove, dryer, dishwasher, hot water heater	
hide-a-bed.....	\$60.00
Refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner (pick up and Freon removal).....	\$75.00

COMMERCIAL RATES

Container Size	1x/wk	2x/wk	3x/wk
1 cubic yard.....	\$130.32	\$260.64	\$390.96
2 cubic yard.....	\$160.87	\$321.75	\$482.62
3 cubic yard.....	\$239.40	\$478.81	\$718.23
4 cubic yard.....	\$316.59	\$633.18	\$949.75
5 cubic yard.....	\$392.41	\$784.80	\$1177.23
6 cubic yard.....	\$470.95	\$941.58	\$1412.83
8 cubic yard.....	\$627.87	\$1255.76	\$1883.62
64-gallon cart.....	\$27.34	\$50.57	\$75.86
96-gallon cart.....	\$32.79	\$75.55	\$118.33

Container Size	4x/wk	5x/wk
1 cubic yard.....	\$519.98	\$733.05
2 cubic yard.....	\$643.48	\$804.36
3 cubic yard.....	\$957.64	\$1197.04
4 cubic yard.....	\$1266.34	\$1582.92
5 cubic yard.....	\$1569.62	\$1962.03
6 cubic yard.....	\$1883.76	\$2354.71
8 cubic yard.....	\$2511.50	\$3139.38
64-gallon cart.....	\$101.13	\$126.39
96-gallon cart.....	\$161.08	\$203.92

ROLL-OFF RATES

Compacted Rate.....	\$276.53
Minimum Monthly.....	\$385.08
Regular Rate.....	\$363.91
Per ton charge.....	\$78.72
Ton limit.....	1
Days.....	3

District Manager David R. Contreras Retires After 36 Years of Service



Doreen and David R. Contreras

District Manager David R. Contreras retires on June 30, 2009 after 36 years of exemplary service. Under his leadership, the District became in 1994 the first publicly owned wastewater treatment plant in northern California to operate with full-scale UV disinfection, which has been proven to be safer for workers and the environment and more cost effective for the community. In 1996, David oversaw the creation of the extremely popular and award-winning Interpretive Center environmental education program. The program has been expanded to benefit more than 1,300 school children a year in Contra Costa and Solano Counties.

David is a man of integrity, passion, and kindness. He was born and raised in Martinez, and has continued to retain close ties with the community.

We wish him the very best in his retirement!

Notice of Public Hearing

Adoption of the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP)

When: July 9th at 6:30pm
Where: MVSD Administration Building
and Learning Center

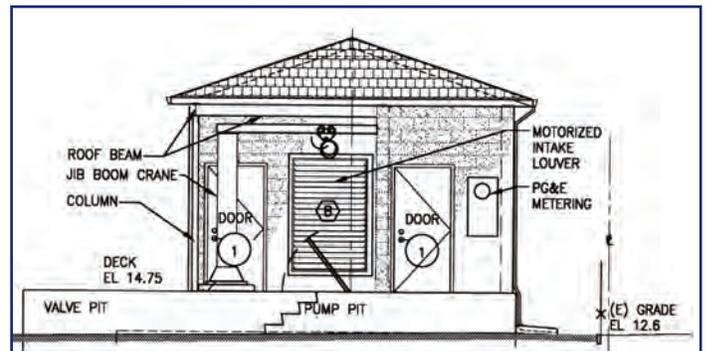
The Regional Water Board has required all publicly owned treatment works with collections systems such as ours to implement a SSMP. The SSMP is designed to address aging infrastructure within the District. The deadline to implement the plan will be this year.

Starting in 2006, the District had the foresight to plan ahead for SSMP implementation and instituted a 3-year rate increase to accommodate the demands of the SSMP. As such, with the present condition of the economy, the District will not implement any other fee increases outside of the usual CPI increase as provided for in our ordinances.

Pump Station #1

Did you know that Pump Station #1 receives and delivers a significant portion of the wastewater from the District to the treatment plant?

Renovation of Pump Station #1 is therefore of the highest priority. Located near the corner of Arthur Road and Pacheco Blvd, Pump Station #1 improvements will include the installation of new submersible pumps with greater capacity than the existing pumps. An additional pump and an onsite engine generator and transfer switch are being added to provide increased reliability and redundancy. The station will also feature improved remote monitoring devices. The renovation is estimated to cost over \$1.3million. District staff are attempting to qualify this project for State funding. Construction is set to begin later this year.



Pacheco/Shell Oil Co. Easement Sewer Rehabilitation Project

In mid-2008, major pipelines and manholes on Shell Oil's property were irreparably damaged by sulfides from the District's wastewater. District forces worked quickly to address a potentially hazardous situation by replacing 14 manholes and over 1150 lineal feet of 16-24 inch pipeline. We are happy to announce that the project was successfully completed this past March. Special thanks to the employees of Shell Oil and their help.

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District Board meetings, held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Administration Building, are open to the public.

David R. Contreras, District Manager
Sheri L. Riddle, Office Manager/Board Secretary
Kelly Davidson, Newsletter Editor

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez CA 94553
1-800-646-1431

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

During office hours (M-F 7 AM - 4:30 PM): 228-5635
Outside office hours: 646-2441 (County Sheriff's Dept.)
or 372-3440 (Martinez Police Dept.)

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MVSD participated in the John Muir Earth Day Celebration at the John Muir National Historic Site on April 18, 2009.



In February, MVSD staff met with Senator DeSaulnier to discuss issues facing the wastewater treatment community. From Left: MVSD Assistant District Manager Mike Roe, MVSD Senior Administrative Assistant Cindy Chen, Senator DeSaulnier, MVSD Board President Gregory Pyka, and MVSD District Manager David Contreras.

Recycling Does the Environment Good!

The District champions environmental stewardship and encourages recycling to achieve a healthier environment. One approach towards this achievement is partnering with Allied Waste on a state mandate to reduce garbage and increase recycling. State law requires jurisdictions to divert 50% of their garbage from the landfill.

In order to comply with the state mandate and make future collections cost effective, Allied Waste is making investments in new equipment and containers. Enhanced services will include the following:

1. Carts will be provided for all 3 services – recyclables, yard waste, and garbage.
2. Customers will be receiving a 64 gal recycle cart. This provides almost 5 times more capacity than the 14 gallon recycling bins. These larger recycling carts will also reduce the numbers of containers and be easier to maneuver. **All recyclables can be put into one cart.**

3. Customers will be receiving a 96 gal yard waste cart. This material will also be recycled. These carts will be convenient for pruning, gardening and mowing your lawn instead of using your own yard waste cans.
4. With the 64 gal recycle and 96 gal yard waste carts, **residents have more recycle capacity** and should be able to downsize their garbage container. Customers who produce less garbage and recycle more will **save money** as they will be rewarded with a lower rate.
5. A new 20 gal senior rate has been added so **seniors can save even more money**. Other senior rates do NOT change.

Customers will be receiving brochures with tear off postage paid postcards to choose a garbage cart size as well as other informational mailers describing what can and cannot go in the recycle and yard waste carts. For more information, please call Allied Waste's customer service at (925) 685-4711.

NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN

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Mt. View Sanitary District is proud to participate in the Statewide Campaign for "No Drugs Down the Drain!" Medicine flushed down the drain can end up in your local creeks, bays, and the ocean. So while medicine is good for what ails you, it's important to dispose of left-over medication properly so it doesn't hurt the environment.

Old Pills Piling Up?

Dispose of medications in a pharmaceutical collection bin at one of these drop-off locations:

- County Hospital, 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez
- Sheriff's Field Operation Building, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez
- Walnut Creek City Hall Lobby, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek

Important Drop-Off Instructions:

- Do not dispose of syringes or needles with medication.
- To ensure privacy, take medications out of their original containers and put them in a sealable plastic bag.
- Please leave liquids in their original container and mark out personal information, and then place the bottle in a sealable plastic bag.

How to Dispose of Used Home Medical Sharps

Rossmore Medical Center Pharmacy is now accepting used medical sharps, syringes, and needles. The pharmacy is located at 1220 Rossmore Parkway, Walnut Creek. For more information, please call (925) 988-7510.

MVSD - "A Model Plant" for International Visitors

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to advocate the District. In the past, both the EPA in Washington, D.C. and its regional office in San Francisco have recommended MVSD to foreign visitors as a model facility. Foreign visitors learn "what a model plant should be," according to Terry Oda, a consultant and retired EPA employee, who accompanied the Chinese World Bank visitors. They learn "that it is not simply wastewater treatment, but environmental protection and community outreach. They take this knowledge back to China [where it] will influence their future decisions on projects, approaches, and problem solving."

In December 2008 and January 2009, the U.S. EPA recommended the District to visitors from the Korean Chonnam National University and the World Bank office in China (see photo below). Shenhua Wang, a Senior Infrastructure Specialist with the World Bank, the organization charged with funding sanitation projects in rural China, was impressed: "There are many wastewater treatment plants being built in China [...] We need to learn more about the environmental aspects and be creative on reusing the treated effluent. We also need to do more to involve the community [as] a part of the solution. [The MVSD facility] is an example for us to mimic."



Environmental Education News

\$14,000 Awarded!

This District's award winning Public Education Program is funded in part by generous sponsors such as Shell Oil and Valero and by securing grants. In these tough economic times for educational institutions, there has been a dramatic increase in participation from elementary schools from both Contra Costa and Solano Counties. To maintain the exceptional quality of the education program and to aid elementary schools in fostering environmental education, the District continues to work hard to secure funding for participating schools outside of Martinez.

The District is delighted to announce that the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee (FWC) awarded a total of \$14,000 in grants to pay for 25 field trips for schools outside of the District's service area and to create a Transportation Scholarship Program for schools unable to afford costly buses to the field trip site.

Special Thanks!

MVSD would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the generous donors who help us bring science to life for hundreds of students each year through the Wetlands Field Trip Program. Special thanks go to our neighbors and corporate sponsors, Shell Oil and Valero, and to the generous individuals who sent in donations.

We also want to thank MVSD's Environmental Education Coordinator, Kelly Davidson, and the Lindsay Wildlife Museum for their top-notch teaching staff. They keep the Interpretive Center Program going strong!

Teachers and students alike love the environmental education provided at MVSD. Thank you for making education a priority!

If you would like more information on these fundraising efforts or how you can support our popular Wetlands Field Trip Program, please contact Cindy Chen at 925-228-5635 x25 or CChen@mvsd.org.

Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshops Are a Big Hit at MVSD!

Even with a multitude of spring plant sales, lectures, and garden tours all competing for the home gardener's time, MVSD's inaugural Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop series was a resounding success! MVSD hosted Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics on March 28th, Go Native - Planting for Pollinators on April 11th, and Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally on May 9th.

Participants were introduced to the benefits of a Bay-Friendly Garden, learned about the importance of creating healthy soil, how to choose the best California native or Mediterranean plants for their site, and received a basic introduction to Integrated Pest Management or IPM. Participant feedback was excellent with a number of requests for additional Bay-Friendly topics. For a description of all 8

Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, as well as information on locating a Bay-Friendly landscaper, check out www.BayFriendly.org

Look for future public workshops at MVSD. We will post these dates on our website at www.mvsd.org as soon as they are available. You can also sign up through our public program email list. Please email cchen@mvsd.org to sign up (simply write "Public Program Email List - subscribe" in the subject line or the body of your email).

