

RONALD W. SHEPHERD RETIRES FROM WEST BAY BOARD



After serving 16 years on the West Bay Sanitary District (WBSD) Board of Directors, Ronald W. Shepherd will step down. Shepherd began as a Board Member in 1999 and served as Board President from 2006 through 2015. In 2015 he was appointed Treasurer. He also served as Commissioner for Silicon Valley Clean Water for 16 years.

Many of his friends have asked, *“Why are you on a sewer board?”* He replied, *“Because it’s great fun. The sewer business is very interesting. Conversations at the meetings are subject to all sorts of unintended puns, such as flushed with success.”* He also enjoyed the exposure to issues such as long-term planning and labor negotiations.

So why did Shepherd choose not to seek re-election and thus relinquish his seat? *“Because I am 74 years old,”* he laughed.

Even so he plans to work about six hours a day for Shepherd & Associates Insurance Services, which he founded in 1994. Why? Because his co-workers are his son Christopher and his daughter Stephanie D. Hamel and he would like to help them triple the size of the company before he retires.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The current capital improvement project (CIP) is in the **Belle Haven Sewer Project** area. It replaces and rehabilitates approximately 10,900 linear feet (2.04 miles) of 6 to 24-inch sanitary sewer mains located between Ivy Drive, the Bayshore Freeway, and Willow Road within the City of Menlo Park. The project was awarded in 2015 to Precision Engineering of San Francisco for the amount of \$2,069,930. Anticipated completion is in the summer of 2016.

The **Sausal Vista Pump Station Project** eliminates the Corte Madera Pump Station located along Portola Road near the Corte Madera Creek crossing and rebuilds the Sausal Vista Pump Station located along Georgia Lane in order to accommodate all the flows. **Phase 1** of the project constructs the gravity sewer mains needed to redirect the flows from Corte Madera Pump Station to Sausal Vista Pump Station and a new force main from Sausal Vista Pump Station to the force main along Portola Road. **Phase 1** was awarded in 2015 to Cratus Inc. of San Francisco for the amount of \$1,049,045. Anticipated completion is in the spring of 2016.

SVCW TREATMENT PLANT ISSUES BONDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORK

Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW formerly known as SBSA) has approved a 10-Year Capital Improvement Program for the construction of improvements which benefit the West Bay Sanitary District and the other members. SVCW has issued \$30 Million in new bonds to fund the 2015 Capital Improvement Projects at the treatment plant. West Bay’s obligation for the \$30 million bond issuance would be approximately \$12 million paid with interest over the life of the bonds.



WEST BAY LEADS COLLECTION SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE

West Bay Sanitary District is excited to be the lead agency of the wastewater Collection System of the Future. This consortium of 9 progressive agencies with wastewater collection systems have come together for a series of workshops to share information, compare practices, and develop strategies to further improve efficiency, innovation, system management, and Level of Service.

West Bay is working with V. W. Housen & Associates and Dewpoint Consulting to guide the discussions and develop a roadmap to sewer system excellence. The findings of the group will be presented in January at the Winter Conference of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies in Palm Springs and in April at the California Water Environment Association Annual Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center April 25-29, 2016.

NO RATE INCREASE FOR SOLID WASTE (GARBAGE/RECYCLING) COLLECTION IN 2016

For the third straight year West Bay’s 2,200 solid waste customers in unincorporated San Mateo County will not see an increase in rates in 2016.

“We are pleased to announce that there will be no rate increase for our solid waste customers in 2016,” said WBSD Secretary Fran Dehn. “It’s important for our customers to continue with the essential services from Recology that provide them with recycling, organic materials, and solid waste collection without an increase in rates for the upcoming year.”



For more info go to rethinkwaste.org

Recology San Mateo County provides collection services for refuse, recyclable materials, and compostable materials under a ten-year franchise agreement with West Bay which began January 2011.

RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM ADVANCES

West Bay is working in partnership with Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club to build a recycled water treatment facility at Sharon Heights Golf Course to supply the Sharon Heights area with recycled water for irrigation and industrial use.

The project consists of a satellite wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) on the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club property, an influent supply pipeline under Sand Hill Road, a pump station for the influent supply, recycled water distribution pipeline to the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and the golf course irrigation system, and a solids discharge pipeline to the existing sewer system. The project will allow West Bay to treat water for reuse within the service district to meet customer demands.



“West Bay Sanitary District is ready, willing, and able to produce recycled water within our district for the benefit of this community. Once our project is complete, recycled water will be provided to the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club and also will be made available to other users nearby by way of an additional distribution pipeline aligned parallel with the supply pipeline along Sand Hill,” said Phil Scott in public comments to the City Council on October 6, 2015.

The project is progressing and should be in design soon. Ground breaking is expected in early to mid-2016 and, by mid-2017, the project should be operational and delivering recycled water, thereby reducing dependence on Hetch Hetchy water for this area.

Ultimately, this is a public/private partnership project that will be funded primarily by private enterprise for the greater community benefit of all Menlo Park residents current and future. The project is expected to cost approximately \$17M. West Bay is applying for 1% loans for recycled water projects provided through the State Revolving Fund under California’s Proposition 1.

WBSD MANAGER PHIL SCOTT BECOMES PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION



This year West Bay Manager Phil Scott is the California Water Environment Association President and, as part of his duties, will travel to most of the 17 sections within California, installing local officers and presenting to local sections the message to continue to educate our members in the latest water quality techniques, safety, and leadership. Scott will preside over the annual conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center the last week of April 2016.

Founded in 1927, the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) is a not-for-profit public benefit association of 9,700-plus water quality professionals who work for public agencies and collection systems, engineering firms, and equipment and service suppliers. CWEA members are responsible for cleaning California’s water and returning it safely to the environment. CWEA educates and certifies water quality professionals, disseminates technical information, and promotes sound policies to benefit society through protection and enhancement of our water environment.

WEST BAY JOINED IN SUMMER BLOCK PARTY EVENT

The Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce Summer Block Party on Santa Cruz Avenue was the perfect spot for West Bay employees to meet the public this summer to give away prizes, pass out flyers and balloons, and to ask citizens to “Call Us First” with any type of sewer problems. West Bay sponsored the 2nd Annual Diaper Derby at the block party.



REPAIR PLANS AVAILABLE FOR WEST BAY CUSTOMERS

West Bay is continuing its Partnership with Home Emergency Insurance Solutions (parent company HomeServe) to offer sewer line repair service plans to District customers.

West Bay Sanitary District strives to provide excellent service to its customers. A number of our customers have asked for a way to assist in the significant cost of repairing or replacing a sewer lateral pipe. That is why we’ve partnered with Home Emergency Insurance Solutions to offer District homeowners optional, exterior sewer line protection.

As a homeowner, you may be unaware that it is your responsibility to repair the exterior sewer line that runs from the West Bay Sanitary District service connection (typically in the center of the street) to your home. Repairs can be expensive and are usually not covered by basic homeowners insurance.



Home Emergency Insurance Solutions provides up to \$6,000 per year for repairs on sewer laterals between the home and sewer main for \$18.99 per month.

Have questions? Call Home Emergency Insurance Solutions at **1-855-807-6628** or visit the secure website WestBaySewerPlan.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

In February 2015 Ned Moritz was appointed WBSD Board President and Fran Dehn Secretary of the Board. President Moritz also represents West Bay’s interests as Commissioner of Silicon Valley Clean Water and Secretary Dehn as Board Member for South Bayside Waste Management Authority.

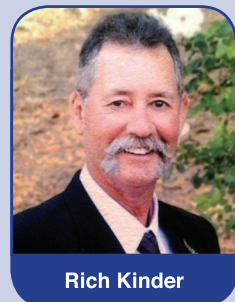
As of December 9, 2015 new Board Member Rich Kinder will join the team and David Walker will be the new Board Treasurer.



Ned Moritz



Fran Dehn



Rich Kinder

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Edward P. Moritz, President

Fran Dehn, Secretary

David Walker, Treasurer

Rich Kinder, Director

Roy Thiele Sardiña, Director