

INSIDE ORO LOMA



\$24.7M Water Quality Project Nears Completion

Oro Loma Sanitary District is nearing completion on an innovative upgrade project to improve the quality of the treated water returned to the San Francisco Bay.

Exceeds Standards of the Clean Water Act

The upgrade goes beyond the standards of the Clean Water Act to include removal of nutrients to the Bay. Oro Loma uses a combination of mechanical, biological, and chemical methods to remove solids and pathogens from incoming wastewater before returning the treated water to the Bay. The upgrade focuses on removing residual nutrients from the water.

Why too many nutrients are bad

In the right place, nutrients are good and help support the growth of plant life.

However, too many nutrients in the water can lead to undesirable cycles of algae growth and decay that deplete oxygen levels and hurt fish and other organisms that live in the Bay.

Oro Loma leads the way

With this project, Oro Loma becomes one of the first of 37 agencies in the Bay Area to take action in response to growing concerns about nutrient levels in the San Francisco Bay. Oro Loma Sanitary District and Castro Valley Sanitary District, which co-owns the treatment plant, have made the proactive decision to implement treatment enhancement to reduce nitrogen loads to the Bay before they become a more significant concern.

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Oro Loma Sanitary District Awarded Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Essential Government Transparency

On January 27, 2020, Oro Loma Sanitary District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). The award is in recognition of Oro Loma's outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's over 2,000 special districts.

To earn the award, the District demonstrated eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports with the State Controller in a timely manner. Oro Loma also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public.

District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

February 2020 - January 2022

This 27th day of January, 2020

The Special District Leadership Foundation is proud to present this
District Transparency Certificate of Excellence to

Oro Loma Sanitary District

In recognition of the district's completion of all transparency program requirements
designed to promote transparency in their operations and governance
to the public and other stakeholders.



David Aranda, SDLF Board President



Neil McCormick, SDLF CEO

Bulky Pickups Have Resumed

Oro Loma residential customers are entitled to two bulky pickups per calendar year at no additional cost. Schedule your pickup by calling Waste Management at (510) 613-8710.

Be sure to call at least two weeks in advance to schedule your pickup. For information on how to prepare your items for pickup, including a short instructional video, go to <https://oroloma.org/bulky-waste-pickup/>.



Oro Loma Community Heroes

At the August 18, 2020 Board meeting, Oro Loma Sanitary District proudly recognized the following community members for taking local action to help the environment and make our District a better place.

- Diane Arante, San Lorenzo Unified School District Operations Manager, for her role in the School Board adopting a resolution mandating recycling in all San Lorenzo schools and for ongoing collaboration with Oro Loma to expand recycling and organics collection programs in the schools; and
- San Leandro High School Eco Club, for working with the school leadership and Oro Loma to implement organics collection services at the high school; and
- Steve Lingor, community member, for consistently cleaning up the San Lorenzo/ San Leandro shoreline.

To be considered for Oro Loma Community Hero Awards, contact the District at info@oroloma.org.



Waste Management remains committed to continuing all trash, recycling, and green waste collections without interruption during the Covid-19 pandemic. While Waste Management offices will remain closed until further notice, the Customer Service Department may still be reached at (510) 613-8710.

Reminders

- Oro Loma will continue to collect, treat, and safely discharge wastewater without interruption;
- 24/7 response to sewer emergencies and customer backup issues will continue. Call (510) 276-4700;
- District administrative offices will be closed until further notice;
- The engineering staff remains available for inspections and for contractor support;
- **DO YOUR PART: Only flush the 3 Ps—Pee, Poo, Toilet Paper;**
- Trash, recycling, and green waste will continue to be collected on schedule;
- Waste Management offices will remain closed until further notice;
- Even though Waste Management offices are closed, customers may reach them at (510) 613-8710;
- Bulky pickup has resumed;
- The Material Recovery Facility on Davis Street is closed;
- Collection of used motor oil and batteries has been temporarily suspended.

Wastewater Collection Corner

Oro Loma Sanitary District continues to provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At Oro Loma, workers have staggered shifts to maximize social distancing while performing essential work. The collection system crew continues sewer cleaning for high frequency lines and has maintained a 24/7 response to sewer emergencies and customer backup issues. Operation of the District's sewage treatment plant continues 24/7. Lab chemists continue to perform all compliance and operational support analysis. Mechanics continue to perform preventive maintenance. Our engineering staff continues to provide inspections and support for private contractors and those working on main sewer lines.





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Waste Management (510) 613-8710

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (800) 606-6606

BOARD MEETINGS

First and third Tuesdays of every month

Visit OroLoma.org for Board agendas

Check oroloma.org for updates on District responses to Covid-19.

What's New

Solid Waste Rates

The Board adopted new solid waste rates on August 4, 2020, following a public hearing. The effective date for the new rates is September 1, 2020. The District's agreement with Waste Management provides for annual solid waste rate adjustments for customers, based on factors that include cost of living and benefit adjustments tied to Waste Management's labor contracts. For 2020-2021, an additional component was added—an adjustment to contract fees to fund solid waste program changes required by the implementation of SB 1383. The 2020-2021 rate increase was 6.27%. The rate for a single-family residential customer in the Unincorporated Area of the District with a 35-gal trash cart is \$19.97/month (from \$18.79/month, a \$1.18/month increase). The rates for residential recycling and green waste services remain unchanged at \$4.60/month.

New Employees



Darel Woodward

Darel earned his Associate of Science degree in Wastewater Treatment Operations at Santa Rosa Junior College. He also holds certificates in Wastewater Treatment Operations, Water Utility Operations, and Water Distribution Systems Operations and Maintenance.

Darel recently spent over two years at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, where his duties included the operation and maintenance of various water and wastewater equipment. On his days off, Darel volunteered at Napa Sanitation District to complete his Operator-in-Training hours. He is eager to start his journey as a wastewater treatment plant operator at Oro Loma.



Troy Determan

Troy Determan was hired as a Plant Operator II on July 27, 2020. He is a graduate of the Local 39 apprenticeship program and has 15 years of experience in wastewater with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. In his spare time, Troy enjoys fishing, boating on the Bay, and hiking in East Bay Regional Parks.