Oro Loma Sanitary District
2655 Grant Avenue
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Experimental Levee Takes Shape

Important Phone Numbers to Keep Handy
Oro Loma Sanitary District Office and 24/7 Emergency Response..... (510) 276-4700
Waste Management..................... (510) 613-8710
Alameda County Recycling Hotline .. (877) STOPWASTE
Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste...... (800) 606-6606

Spotlight on Excellence

Retired

Oro Loma Plant Operator II Darrell Sorensen retired on August 2, 2015, after 31 years of dedicated service. Most of Darrell's time was spent on the night shift as part of a crew that works around-the-clock, seven days a week, to protect the environment by ensuring that the treatment plant is working at peak efficiency.

Darrell is the last of three long-tenured plant operators to retire. Together, Darrell Sorensen, Raul Saballos, and Glenn Bachelder had over 100 years of service with the District.

Invited to speak before the Board of Directors who was honoring him for his service, Darrell said that he enjoyed his time at Oro Loma, that it was a good place to work, and that he had seen many changes over his time with the District. A new Maintenance Department shop and improved nighttime lighting were among the welcomed additions that Darrell mentioned.

Now that Darrell has retired, he plans to "live the dream" as he moves to Montana. We thank Darrell for his service and wish him well.

New Employee

Don Pride was hired as a Plant Operator II to fill the vacancy created by Darrell Sorenson's retirement. Don is already hard at work in a District that he described as "very impressive."

Don was previously with CH2M Hill, a Gilroy-based engineering and environmental consulting firm. The new Operator II has maintenance and lab experience, and a background that includes recycled water systems and nutrient removal.

Don realizes that he has big shoes to fill as he takes over Darrell Sorensen's position, but he looks forward to creating his own legacy at Oro Loma.

Plant Tours

Ever wonder how wastewater goes from sewage to water that can be safely discharged into the Bay? Do you know what a digester looks like or what a “biosolid” is? Here's your chance to find out.

The District offers free tours of the Oro Loma Sanitary District's wastewater treatment plant to individuals and school groups in the community. To schedule a tour, call the District at (510) 276-4700 during regular business hours.