

P resident's Message

This spring has been a time of celebration for Oro Loma.

On May 22nd, the 30 winners of the 13th annual Oro Loma/Waste Management Earth Day Poster Contest were honored at an awards ceremony held at the Titan Auditorium of the Marina Community Center in San Leandro. Prizes for first, second, third place, and two honorable mentions were awarded to students in five grade groups, and matching prizes were presented to their schools. In total, the District awarded \$15,400 in prize money to the students and their schools.

The contest was open to all students attending grades K-12 in Oro Loma schools that use Waste Management for recycling services. I am pleased to announce that the Hayward Unified School District has just signed a contract with Waste Management for recycling services. Therefore, starting in 2008, the HUSD schools within Oro Loma will again be eligible to participate in the District's annual Earth Day Poster Contest! We eagerly look forward to seeing their posters in the 2008 contest.

On June 2nd, the District formally inaugurated its newly restored wastewater treatment plant. This was the date for the plant Open House, where customers were invited to join Oro Loma and Castro Valley representatives in touring the plant. The project, which restores the plant's ability to process 20 million gallons of wastewater a day to the highest environmental standards, went online in fall of 2006. This was more than six months ahead of schedule. The project also came in under budget—a true rarity in construction.

June 5th was also a day to celebrate. That was the date at which the Board officially voted to rescind a sewer rate increase approved in May 2003. This means no sewer rate increase this year, and that Oro Loma customers have the lowest sewer service rates in all of Alameda County!

The Oro Loma Board takes very seriously its commitment to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Prudent fiscal planning, combined with the cost-savings realized when the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Restoration Project was completed under budget, allowed the Board to rescind the sewer service rate increase.

Washington Avenue Trunk Sewer Project

The Washington Avenue sewer upgrade is now underway.

Trenching on Swenson, Alexandria, and Beatrice Streets was completed at the end of June, and work has begun on Grenda Street and Manor Boulevard. The affected streets will be closed for through traffic from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., while trenching is proceeding. Residents will be allowed controlled access during this time. The open trenches will be plated at night for unrestricted access. Trenching should take about five days on each street.

The project is necessary because some of the existing sewer mains have been in place since the 1950s and do not meet new capacity requirements. In addition, the 24-inch main that runs under the freeway is structurally unsound. In total, 5,600 feet of 24- and 30-inch pipe will be replaced with 2,800 feet of 48-inch pipe and 2,140 feet of 12-inch pipe. The existing pipes will be replaced with ones made of fiberglass-reinforced concrete. The new system will also increase the carrying capacity of the mains during winter storms.

In addition to going under the freeway, the project will require tunneling under the Estudillo Channel, where a major gas line runs.

The Washington Avenue Trunk Sewer Project ties the Bayfair trunk sewer to the Lewelling Blvd. trunk sewer, which were completed previously.



Photo right: Inspector monitoring the installation of a manhole at Swenson and Alexandria Streets.

Photo below: Excavators installing 48-inch pipe and compacting subgrade on Swenson Street.



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