

P resident's Message

Oro Loma has always prided itself on its pledge to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Sewer rates in the District are once again the lowest in Alameda County. This is due in large part to the Board's decision to rescind a sewer rate increase scheduled for July 1, 2007. Oro Loma customers enjoy these low rates without any sacrifice in service. In 2007, the District officially completed the largest plant restoration project in its history, and a major sewer line upgrade.

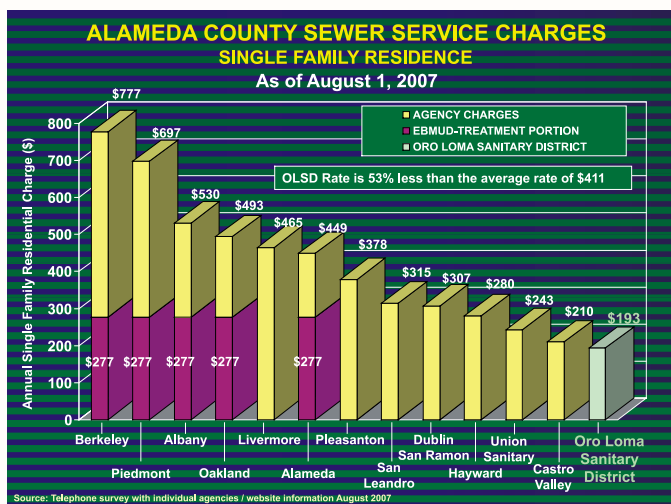
In July, a Waste Management labor dispute caused severe trash and recycling service interruptions in nearby communities. I am pleased to report that during this period, we were able to insure pickups continued largely uninterrupted in Oro Loma.

Oro Loma's long history of service to its customers would not be possible without the commitment of its Board of Directors. On August 13th, one of Oro Loma's most dedicated Board Members, Herbert G. Crowle, retired at the age of 92, after 13 years of service to the District.

Mr. Crowle received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from UC Berkeley and, at the age of 20, became one of the youngest persons ever appointed as a full-time faculty member. During World War II, Mr. Crowle served as a Naval officer with the U.S. Pacific Fleet and was awarded full medals and honors. In 1950 he became the first Director of Public Works of Alameda County, a post he occupied until 1977. During this time, he was able to secure \$100 million in federal funds for buildings, roads, flood control, and other County projects. After leaving the County in 1977, Mr. Crowle worked in the private sector until 1992. He was first elected to the Oro Loma Board of Directors in November 1994.

Herbert Crowle has now retired to San Diego to be close to his family. He is replaced on the Board by Timothy P. Becker, an environmental consultant.

With the holidays upon us and 2008 around the corner, I would like to renew our pledge to you, the Oro Loma customers, to continue to work for you, doing everything we can to "provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost."



Washington Avenue Sewer Project Completed



The Washington Avenue sewer upgrade—the last leg of a major sewer project that began eight years ago with the Bayfair trunk sewer upgrade—is now complete. In total, approximately four miles of new 36- to 54-inch pipes have replaced existing undersized and antiquated sewers.

Laying the new pipes from Bayfair Shopping Center to the District's wastewater treatment plant on Grant

Avenue included tunneling under the I-880 freeway and Estudillo Channel. The new pipes are fiberglass-reinforced concrete, reinforced concrete, and clay.

The Bayfair-to-plant project was necessary to provide greater capacity to the sewer system and to insure that the District continues to meet increasingly stringent environmental regulations meant to safeguard San Francisco Bay. The project has been designed to withstand the capacity demands of a ten-year, 24-hour storm event without risk of overflow. The job was completed on time and within budget.



The engineering staff is also preparing for the next round of pipeline replacements. The focus of this ongoing project is on pipelines in poor condition, those that require heavy maintenance, and pipelines crossing the Hayward fault.



From the top: Pipe casings up to 60 inches were used to create a new crossing; A tunnel boring machine was used to excavate under I-880; New manholes were set to access the new sewer pipes.