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Al Camisa—An Oro Loma Legend

The year 1962 was an important one for Al Camisa. That year, Al decided to leave school with a major in chemistry and math and go to work for the City of Hayward wastewater treatment plant as a chemist. New environmental measures meant chemists were becoming even more important to the wastewater treatment process. In 1969, Al left Hayward to become the chemist for Oro Loma's newly-constructed secondary treatment plant. He has stayed with the District ever since.

When Al retires in July 2009, he will have been with Oro Loma for forty years.

In his early years with the District, Al was fortunate to be exposed to people who would become leaders in the new discipline of sanitary



Al Camisa in 1969

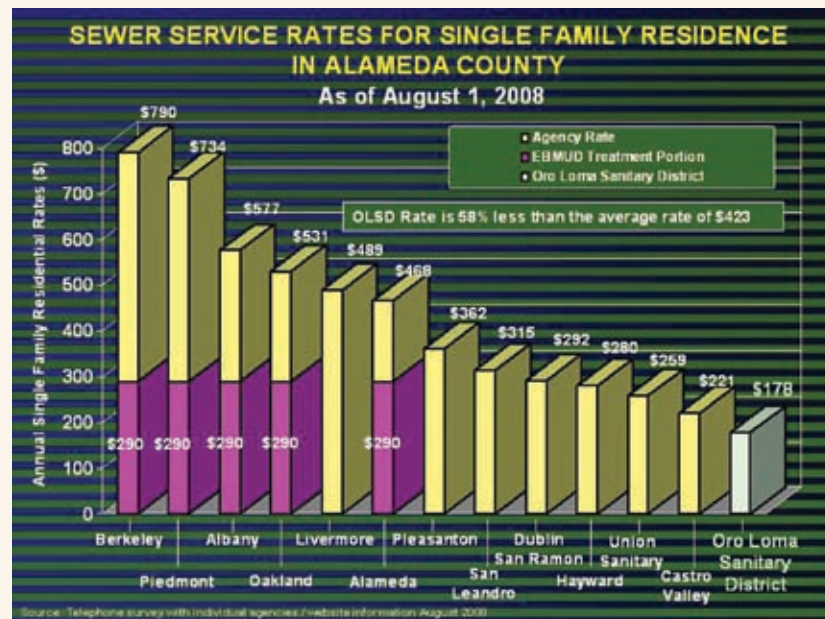
engineering, people like David Jenkins, UC Berkeley professor, who wrote the manual on the activated sludge process of treating wastewater, and Harry and John Jenks, who designed the Hayward plant. Many UC students who visited the Oro Loma plant to get hands-on experience went on to be CEOs of engineering firms themselves.

From the very beginning, the District recognized the talent of their chemist and allowed Al the freedom to do his job in a way that is most efficient for him and for the District. This is something Al values most about his time at Oro Loma.

In addition to maintaining the health of beneficial organisms in the aeration tanks, Al looks after

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Oro Loma's Annual Residential Sewer Rates Lowest in Alameda County



Oro Loma residential sewer rates are the lowest in Alameda County—by almost 60%. The Board of Directors and staff of Oro Loma are proud of their commitment to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Your average rate is 49 cents per day.