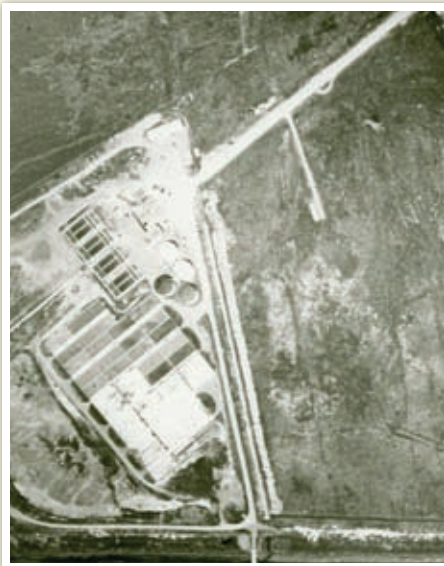


1948

By 1947, the California State Board of Health required all jurisdictions dumping raw sewage into fresh waters to provide treatment sufficiently adequate to avoid pollution. The District acquired land at the west end of Grant Avenue for construction of a sewage treatment and disposal plant. A \$1,840,000 General Obligation Bond was issued on July 2, 1948, to finance the District's first sewage treatment plant.

Construction of the new plant began in 1948 and completed in 1950. It had a primary treatment capacity of 12 million gallons per day (mgd).



Oro Loma sewer treatment plant in 1950

1960s

By 1967, federal wastewater discharge requirements became more stringent, and the State Water Resources Control Board set new treatment standards, including secondary treatment. To meet these standards, the District constructed a more technologically sophisticated sewage treatment plant.

This modern sewage treatment plant, designed by Kennedy Engineers, used the activated sludge method of secondary treatment. Construction began in 1967 and was completed in 1969.



Above: New treatment plant under construction in 1967.



Right: Board members, including Engineer-Manager of the District, Gail H. Stanton (middle back), at the General Obligation Bond signing ceremony on February 9, 1968.

1950s

Continuous growth in the San Lorenzo community resulted in the construction of major sewer lines.



Left: General Manager Gerald L. Worthley (at right) pictured with contractors, including Mike Hester, Walt Mattson and Charles Aldridge (circa 1953). Above and right: Laying pipe.

