

INSIDE ORO LOMA



ORO LOMA OPEN HOUSE **FACILITY TOUR & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS** **MAY 5 @ 9:00am - 3:00pm**

LOCATION: Oro Loma/Castro Valley Treatment Facility
2600 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA 94580



Treatment Plant Tours:

Get a first-hand look at how the water pollution control facility works. Tours every 30 minutes.



Student Awards for Oro Loma Schools Outreach Project:
Every hour on the hour,
9:00am - 2:00pm.



Hands-On Activities:

Test your recycling skills and see a robotic sewer inspection camera and a Waste Management truck.



Complimentary Eats and Treats:
Hot dogs, cookies, sodas,
shaved ice, coffee.

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20 Years Without a Lost-time Accident



Moving a 4,000 lbs. digester mixer is a dangerous operation.

A culture of mutual support and training results in an extraordinary safety record.

The Oro Loma Maintenance Department recently celebrated 20 years without a lost-time injury. In an environment where accidents are an ever-present danger, the Oro Loma Maintenance Department's safety record is truly amazing.

How did the Maintenance Department achieve such an extraordinary record? The answer lies in extensive safety training, including a Lock-Out Tag-Out program that ensures dangerous machines are properly shut off, and to a culture that expects adherence to safety protocols and where employees always look out for each other.



The Oro Loma Maintenance Department

All Three Lead Workers in the Collections Department Achieve CWEA Grade IV Certification

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) is a nonprofit public corporation that provides education and training to wastewater professionals. It offers four grades of certification in Collection System Maintenance, with Grade IV being the highest in the industry. All three of Oro Loma's Lead Workers went above and beyond the requirements of their jobs and have acquired Grade IV certifications. Congratulations on the outstanding achievement!



Christopher Brown



Martin Banuelos



Timothy Cravalho

Oro Loma Director Roland J. Dias Retires



After 25 years, Director Ron Dias will retire from Oro Loma in April 2018. During his tenure on the Board, Director Dias used his financial expertise gained as an executive of Pacific Bell to help turn the District into a high-performing organization.

Today, the District has no debt. A 2006 \$34M upgrade to the treatment plant and a trust to fund retiree benefits were financed through savings. In addition, the District continues to invest in infrastructure, while continuing to have the lowest sewer service charges in California.

Mr. Dias is famous for thoroughly researching projects that come before the Board and asking the tough questions. During the plant upgrade project in 2006, Director Dias obtained a college textbook on wastewater engineering so he could better understand the planned project.

Director Dias helps break ground on the Oro Loma plant upgrade project.

Under his leadership, the District achieved extraordinary success. It achieved multiple years of zero sewer overflows, ongoing treatment compliance, an award-winning safety program, and production of enough green energy to zero out the treatment plant's energy bill. As the District continues to invest in pipes, pumps, and equipment, the next generation of rate payers will continue to enjoy reliable and responsive service.

In 2017, Ron Dias and the Oro Loma Board were awarded the Bay Hero award by the SF Bay Institute for their leadership and support of the Horizontal Levee Project.

As Ron Dias aptly said, "My focus has always been to provide the best service at the lowest possible cost. I am pleased that my fellow Board members set very high goals and that the employees were successful in exceeding them."

Oro Loma 2018 Schools Outreach Project

In my own words...



Hundreds of students throughout Oro Loma told us in their own words why they thought recycling was important. On April 20, 130 students will find out that their entry was chosen. On May 5, during the Oro Loma Open House, these students will receive \$100 gift cards and commemorative certificates. Participating schools will receive \$300.



Wastewater Collection Corner

Don't Park on or over Manholes

The entire 273 miles of Oro Loma sewer line is cleaned every 30 months. In addition, the collection system is routinely televised. And, of course, personnel are on call 24/7 to handle sewer service emergencies. All of these tasks require the collection crew to have easy access to sewer manholes.

While most sewer manholes are located in the middle of the street, a surprising number are located near the curb. Please help the collection crew carry out their important work—don't park on or over manholes.



Oro Loma Sanitary District
2655 Grant Avenue
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Effective March 1, 2018, Waste Management will assess a monthly 2.0% late charge on invoices that are delinquent over 90 days for residential customers or 30 days for commercial customers. For questions, call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710.

Oro Loma Sanitary District Office 24/7 Emergency Response (510) 276-4700
Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (800) 606-6606

BOARD MEETINGS First and third Tuesdays of every month at 3:00 p.m.

Frank V. Sidari

September 1, 1929 -
January 9, 2018



Frank Sidari, an Oro Loma Director for 20 years until he retired in October 2014, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2018 at the age of 88.

Prior to his service with Oro Loma, Mr. Sidari was an original co-owner of Alameda City Disposal. In addition, Mr. Sidari held volunteer positions with the City of San Leandro and various benevolent associations.

He is survived by two sons, a daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all.

New Employee

Peter Rodrigues

Peter Rodrigues' first day on the job as Collection System Worker for Oro Loma was January 16, 2018.

He had been planning for that day for four years.

While working for the City of Stockton, Pete researched sanitary districts. He wanted to know which was best-run, which offered the best working environment, and where he would be able to contribute and be recognized for his contributions. He wanted to find the place where he would be happy to stay until he



retired. That place, he discovered, was Oro Loma Sanitary District.

To prepare for his new position, Pete studied for and acquired a Class A driver's license from the

California DMV. This enabled him to operate the large trucks needed for maintaining sewer lines. He also acquired a Grade I Certificate in Collection System Maintenance from the California Water Environment Association (CWEA).

You may see Pete operating one of those big maintenance trucks. Whatever he is doing on his new job, he'll probably be smiling.

