

Sanitation District No. 6

Update

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Stonehurst sewer system

Contra Costa County Sanitation District No. 6 (SD-6) is a dependent special District formed in 1992 to provide wastewater service to the Stonehurst subdivision within the unincorporated Alhambra Valley area. The District's boundaries encompass approximately 237 acres with 48 parcels. A portion of the District was recently annexed by the City. The 48 home sites and pre-treatment facility are now within the City limits. The leach field and piping leading to the leach field is outside the Urban Limit Line and was not annexed and remains within unincorporated Contra Costa County.

SD-6 Board of Directors

As a result of the annexation and in accordance with State codes the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution designating the City of Martinez City Council as the Sanitation District Board of Directors. City and County staff are working closely together to provide a smooth transition. We anticipate the transition will be complete this summer.

Challenges

This sanitation system was originally intended to be an interim solution to treating Stonehurst sanitary sewer waste. At some point in the past there was discussion Central Contra Costa Sanitary District sewers would be extended to this area and SD-6 would be annexed by them and tied into their system.

There are significant challenges to continuing the efficient operation of SD-6. The short term goal is to maintain a reliable system at the lowest operating and maintenance cost possible. The system is aging and many components need repair or replacement. Contra Costa County has recently completed reports identifying short and long-term capital system improvements. City staff will be meeting with Homeowner Association Board members to review the reports and develop a strategic action plan. According to Contra Costa County records the District has been running an operating deficit. The current assessment only covers day-to-day operation and routine maintenance. It does not cover the cost of the needed capital repairs.

Additional challenges include replacing failing infrastructure, adjusting the assessment to cover the costs incurred by SD-6 and working with the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District towards the annexation of SD-6 at the lowest possible cost.

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