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STORMWATER PROJECTS



The recent storms resulted in street flooding in some neighborhoods. Flooding in streets is caused by a variety of reasons. If a catch basin, storm drain, or drainage culvert is plugged by debris, the ability to drain water is compromised. This can be exasperated by high intensity rains, high tides, and time of day. In some cases the storm drain is not capable of moving water fast enough during a heavy storm due to the size of the drainage system.

In 2002, the District contracted with West Yost Associates to model the drainage system, identify problem areas, and develop a list of projects. The resulting report is known as the Storm Drain Master Plan. The District will be working to update the plan this year. The results will be used to plan future capital improvement projects.

In 2015, the citizens of Vallejo voted to approve the stormwater rate increase that

provides additional funding for storm water improvement projects.

One area that had street flooding problems is near Austin Creek. From 2005 to 2013, the US Army Corps of Engineers worked on a design for flood protection for this area as part of the White Slough Flood Control Project, which included widening the culvert under Highway 37 and installing tide gates. This work was done, but other elements in the project were not. In 2001, the construction estimate was \$18 million with the majority of funding coming from the federal government. We hoped that this funding would allow us to resolve many of the flood-related issues that revolve around Austin Creek. It was later determined that the cost/benefit did not warrant the expenditure and the Army Corps withdrew support in 2013.

Currently, we are working

with a consultant to obtain permits to clear vegetation and remove sediment and debris so we can fully utilize the capacity of Austin Creek. In addition, several larger projects are planned in the 10-year Capital Improvement Program to increase the size and capacity of the culvert crossings. This work was originally included in the White Slough Project.

Your help in identifying localized flooding will help us design and construct a better storm drain system. The best way to help is to take pictures of flooded areas and e-mail them to FloodInfo@vsfd.com. Please include the location, date, and time.

The District is committed to continually improve the flood control and drainage system throughout our community.

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NEW DISTRICT NAME AND LOGO



The District has struggled with our existing name for a long time, particularly the word “sanitation,” which leads many to believe we provide their garbage service. We believe that the clearer we can be about who we are and what we do, the more we can help you get the services you need from us quickly and

easily. And you’ve helped. Two recent public surveys gave Vallejoans a chance to vote on our new name, slogan, mission statement, description, and logo.

Over the next several months you will see the new name and logo as decals on our vehicles, uniforms, business cards, newsletter, and more.

Our new name will be

Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District. The slogan is: Wastewater. Stormwater. Floodwater. Our mission is to make Vallejo a safe and healthy place to live and work. We do this by keeping the city’s wastewater and stormwater free from pollution. And our simple description of what we do is this: We collect everything that goes down your drain or toilet. We treat it in our wastewater plant until it’s clean. Then we release it into the Mare Island Strait. We also keep rainwater flowing into storm drains so it doesn’t flood streets and buildings.

Thanks for your help!

FREE THERMOMETER EXCHANGE AT VALLEJO’S EARTH DAY 2017

Bring your old mercury thermometer to the District’s booth at the Vallejo Farmers Market on Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and receive a free digital thermometer in exchange.

Mercury thermometers have been used for decades as a first step in caring for someone who feels sick. While they work well, there is a risk to their use that can impact the health of families and the environment. Mercury is a toxic substance that can harm humans and

wildlife.

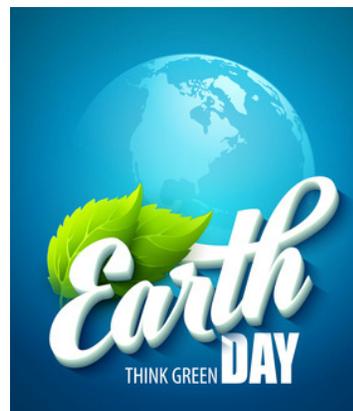
Many families have had a mercury thermometer in their medicine cabinets for years without breaking it. But they are easy to break, and difficult to clean up.

There are many ways to reduce your mercury health risk:

- Some fish and shellfish contain higher levels of mercury (and PCBs), so check out the Safe Eating Guidelines at oehha.ca.gov/fish.
- CFLs, other fluorescent light bulbs, and some batteries contain small amounts of mercury. Dispose of them at the

Vallejo-Napa Household Waste Facility at 889A Devlin Rd. in American Canyon.

- Keep mercury out of your home by trading in your mercury thermometer at our booth on Earth Day.



Tip of the Season

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 15: it’s fun and free! The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the downtown Vallejo Farmers Market. There will be music, face painting, jugglers, and great information on less toxic approaches to garden pests, water conservation and so much more. The Vallejo Watershed Alliance will be there with creek critters from Lake Chabot. For information, visit ValcoreRecycling.org or call (707) 645-8258.



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