



420 Litho Street
Sausalito, CA 94965



CONSERVE WATER EVERYONE CAN DO THEIR PART!

Here are some simple things you can do in your own home to conserve water and prevent water leaks:

- ✓ A water waiver is needed to wash off buildings prior to painting, or to hose down driveways or other concrete areas. Use a broom instead of a hose and **save up to 80 gallons a year.**
- ✓ Don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.
- ✓ Use a layer of mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and **save 100s of gallons of water per year.**
- ✓ Turning off the water while brushing your teeth will save up to 4 gallons a minute.
- ✓ Divide your outdoor watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption when watering.
- ✓ Use water-efficient showerheads.

Environmental, Health, and Sa

WHAT PROJECTS NEED TO BE COMPLETED?

- **Gate Road 5** – repair and replace deteriorating sewer pipes
- **Spinnaker Main & Anchor Pump Station** – replace old, deteriorating sewer pipes, install grease interceptor to trap pollutants and minimize blockage, upgrade and replace aging and outdated equipment at the Anchor Pump Station
- **Bridgeway Waterfront** – repair and replace deteriorating sewer pipes
- **Bridgeway Valley to Main** – repair and replace deteriorating sewer pipes
- **Hurricane Gulch** – replace several sections of pipe, repair unsafe and deteriorating manhole covers
- **Toyon to Woodward** – repair and replace malfunctioning pipes suffering from root infiltration and damage



HOW WILL THE CITY FUND THESE UPGRADES?

If approved, new rates will implement necessary upgrades to our aging system and maintain our system in a cost-effective manner. Over \$7.2 million dollars in capital improvement projects must be made to comply with environmental, health, and safety standards, including replacing several miles of aging and deteriorating pipes.



In addition, Federal dollars are recently available for these types of projects. By proceeding with new rates in July, the City is well positioned to qualify for federal funding, which requires local matching funds and the ability to begin construction by November 1, 2009. By acting now, the City can qualify for federal funds that would otherwise go to other cities.

Safety Upgrades

WHO BENEFITS?

Our entire community benefits. Fewer spills of raw sewage will protect the environment and the health and safety of our residents.

CAN THIS BE DONE WITHOUT NEW RATES?

Not without cutting other important city services. Unfortunately, there are no other sources that can fund this work other than the City's general fund, which is already devoted to funding important city services such as police and fire protection, the library, and street maintenance.

WILL FUNDS BE SPENT AS PROMISED?

Yes – all funds raised by sewer fees are legally required to be spent on the sewer system improvements and maintenance. These funds are also subject to annual independent audits, the results of which are available to the public.

CAN THESE FUNDS BE TAKEN BY THE STATE?

No. These funds are legally required to stay in Sausalito for sewer system improvements and maintenance. Sacramento cannot take these funds.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CALL OUR SEWER HOTLINE AT 1-800-676-7516 OR ATTEND THE MAY 26TH OR JUNE 9TH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, 7PM, AT CITY HALL, 420 LITHO ST.

Our Aging Sewer System



WHY UPGRADE OUR SEWER SYSTEM NOW?

Our sewer system is old and deteriorating – some of our 27 miles of pipe are more than 60 years old. Several sections of pipe are literally crumbling. This has caused several spills of raw sewage. These spills have entered the Bay, making it a health risk to be in or near the water. Spills are also a health and safety risk to the community.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring the City of Sausalito to make essential upgrades to make Sausalito's system safer.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Without upgrades, our system will continue to deteriorate resulting in more frequent and potentially larger, more dangerous spills. If the City fails to comply with the EPA order, it could face hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, which the City cannot afford in today's economic climate.

WILL UPGRADES IMPROVE WATER QUALITY?

Yes. By replacing aging pipes and better maintaining them, we can prevent future spills of raw sewage into the Bay. These spills close beaches and waterways and present a real danger to our community. These upgrades will ensure we have a safer system with fewer, and much smaller spills which can be contained more easily.



Dear Neighbors:

The health and safety of our Community and Bay are important to us. Unfortunately major sewage spills have spilled millions of gallons of raw sewage into the Bay. These spills threaten our Bay and the community's health and safety.

Our 27 miles of old sewer pipe is over 60 years old in parts, made of clay, and literally falling apart. Our system must be upgraded to prevent hazardous sewage spills.

As a result of past sewage spills, the City is under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Order to make the health and safety upgrades. We must do so to avoid large fines.

As part of this process, rate payers have received a notice about a proposed rate structure that will make essential upgrades while qualifying the City for additional funding.

Thank you for your interest and attention to our effort to serve the Sausalito community and do our part to keep the Bay clean.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam W. Politzer".

Adam W. Politzer
City Manager

QUESTIONS? VISIT: WWW.CI.SAUSALITO.CA.US

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY



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