



# Summerland Sanitary District News

March 2016

## Buying or Selling a Home or Business?

When buying or selling a home or business, make sure you ask for a sewer line inspection. Sewer inspections are not something most buyers, sellers or listing agents think about, but it is possibly the most important inspection a property owner should conduct. A full inspection by a qualified plumber will make for a desirable selling point, a smooth close of escrow on the sellers end and a buyer that will sleep well knowing that the sewer pipe is in good condition. Sewer line repairs or replacement can run from a few hundred to tens of thousands of dollars. A camera inspection by a licensed plumber is money (approximately \$300) well spent, considering the cost of replacement, and usually the plumber will find there are cracks, roots or major separations in the system when the sewer pipe is more than 20 years old. It is very common for tree roots to grow into a sewer system in search of water – especially during these drought times – and cause backups into your home. A camera inspection by a certified plumber will also tell you what type of pipe materials were used and if they are up to code with today's plumbing standards.

There are two ways being performed to have your new line replaced in the plumbing industry. The old way is trenching, where the contractor/plumber digs up your yard and often your driveway to install new pipe from the house to the District main, usually in twenty foot sections and glued in place. Over time, ground movement can cause these sections to come apart and roots get in to do their damage.

The new way is trenchless technology, where the contractor/plumber will dig one hole where the plumbing comes out of your home and another hole in the street close to the District mainline. The new pipe – which is one piece (no glued sections) – is pulled underground from the home to the street and then connected to the District main. This new technology is being used more and more, usually doesn't cost any more than trenching and saves on the costs of replacing landscaping and/or driveway.



Trenched



Trenchless

Sellers of a home or business should always disclose what they know about the sewer system to the buyer, but an inspection will reveal what sellers quite likely don't know themselves.

Michael Sullivan, General Manager



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## No Drugs Down the Drain

In response to growing demand for a safe, convenient way to dispose of household medications, the Sheriff's Office teamed up with County Public Works to install drop-boxes at each of the Sheriff's substations throughout the County. The program is called Operation Medicine Cabinet.

### Where to go?

Residents can drop off all unwanted medications, including prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs in the drop-boxes at the Sheriff's Office. The boxes are located outside in front of the stations.

**Carpinteria** 5775 Carpinteria Avenue  
(805) 684-4561

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(805) 681-4100

For more information, please visit our website at [www.summerlandsd.org](http://www.summerlandsd.org)



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### About Summerland Sanitary District:

The Summerland Sanitary District is one of many independent special districts which are voted into existence by the citizens they serve and are sanctioned under California law to perform specific local government functions within certain boundaries. The District was formed in 1957 pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1923. It derives its authority in the California Health & Safety Code (Sections 6400-6830) and operates under State Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region NPDES Permit # CA 4805400.

## Summerland Sanitary District Newsletter for Residents of Summerland

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### U.S. Drought Monitor California



**SAVE WATER:  
SAVE CALIFORNIA!**

**March 1, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 3, 2016)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.43	99.57	95.13	82.66	60.86	38.48
<b>Last Week</b> 2/23/2016	0.43	99.57	94.38	81.82	60.86	38.48
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12/1/2015	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.26	70.55	44.84
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	0.00	100.00	97.33	87.55	69.07	44.84
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.36	71.08	46.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 3/2/2015	0.16	99.84	98.10	93.44	67.46	39.92

#### Intensify:

D0 Abnormally Dry      D3 Extreme Drought  
D1 Moderate Drought      D4 Exceptional Drought  
D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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