



# Summerland Sanitary District News

Newsletter Spring 2022

## Sewer Service Rate Study 2021/22

The Summerland Sanitary District's (SSD) Board of Directors received rate study proposals in August, 2021 and decided to contract with NBS Government Financial Group. The District will review all previously calculated Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) in all user classifications in which flow and strength concentrations for each user classification are shown, including application of the formulas. NBS will give recommendations for refining the rate structure, in particular the residential classification, with the objective to achieve revenue sufficiency and financial

stability to adequately fund the District's operation budget and projected capital projects. The NBS rate study is expected to be completed and reviewed in March 2022 and thereafter a "town hall meeting" will be noticed and held to inform rate payers about NBS's recommendations and the Board's proposed changes and to obtain public comment.



## District's Main Sewer Pipeline Repairs

Summerland Sanitary District contracted Tierra Contracting to perform two sewer mainline repairs within the District's collection system. The first repair took place on June 30, 2021, through July 2, 2021, on Golden Gate Avenue. The second repair took place on November 30, 2021, through December 2, 2021, on Wallace Avenue. Both repairs in-

involved replacing a section of original sewer mainline that was cracked and offset. The damaged sections of mainline were replaced with SDR35 pipe, which is the pipe material used in modern day.



Picture above: Wallace Ave Main Pipeline Repair

Picture left: Golden Gate Ave Main Pipeline

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## District Receives McMurchie Excellence Safety Award & President's Award for Outstanding Service



Picture above: (from left to right) Mar Souza, Noe Aguilar Vega & Dave Novis at the President's Award Ceremony November 2021

The Summerland Sanitary District's Operations Manager, Noe Aguilar Vega, was selected to receive the 2021 President's Award by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). On November 8, 2021, District staff attended the award ceremony hosted by the Santa Barbara Local Chapter of the CSDA to receive the award given to Mr. Aguilar Vega for his outstanding service.

Out of more than 3,500 special districts throughout California, the Summerland Sanitary District was awarded the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award at the annual California Special Districts Association statewide meeting in Monterey in September of 2021. Summerland Sanitary District was selected for its 10 years without any personnel injury and thus no paid claims.

Picture right: SSD Board President Dave Novis receives the McMurchie Safety Award September 2021



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## Rehabilitation of the Ocean Outfall Pipeline

The Summerland Sanitary District is pursuing rehabilitating its ocean outfall pipeline. The pipeline was originally installed in 1959 and has never been replaced. It is 12 inches in diameter, made of cast iron, and is approximately 800 feet long. The outfall is required to be externally inspected on an annual basis by the Districts National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. In 2020 it was discovered, during the annual inspection, that a section of the pipe was cracked. In response to the inspection findings, the District hired Harbor Offshore to re-

pair the fractured section of pipe. Once the pipeline was repaired, Harbor Offshore advised the District that the outfall should be replaced in the near future due to its poor integrity. The District has thereafter taken several steps, including engineer consulting, performing hydraulic studies, and further detailed inspection of the outfall to accomplish replacing the original outfall by the end of 2022. The District is seeking grant opportunities to help fund the project.



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Original Drawing of Ocean Outfall Oct. 1958