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# WILD WINGS COUNTY SERVICE AREA

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## Spring 2019 Newsletter



### GOLF COURSE OPERATION



In February, a Golf Goal Setting Session was held with Kemper Sports (the course operator), the Golf Sub-Advisory Committee and around 30 community members. The session led to a better understanding of the golf club's operation and generated new ideas for increasing revenue.

Since then, with the help of resident Joan Kingery, Kemper's 2019-20 Marketing Plan was developed which incorporates new ways to inform Wild Wings residents and golfers of opportunities at the Wild Wings Golf Club. An example is the flyer recently mailed to all residents highlighting upcoming events. Another subcommittee of residents Mark Ullrich and Chuck Maltese has also worked with Kemper to identify infrastructure needs and ways to enhance the operation. To view the goal setting session notes, Marketing Plan, Agronomist Report and Capital Improvement Plan, visit the CSA's website (select Golf Club link the in left-hand menu).

Upcoming efforts will be focused on enhancing The Nest to encourage greater use and hopefully, increase golf club revenue. Resident volunteers in this effort are needed. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the Yolo CSA Administration Team (contact information to the left).

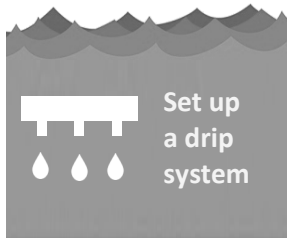
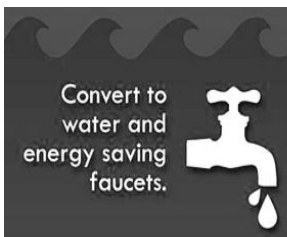
### SEWER OPERATION



As part of rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant, this new sludge dewatering screw press was installed. While this piece of equipment cost \$204,500, the ability to remove water from sludge is expected to save \$5,333 per month in hauling costs, thus paying for itself in 3 years. And it's pretty cool to watch it in action – the sludge actually bounces once its been dewatered!



## BE WATER WISE!



## WATER OPERATION



In recent years, summer water usage in Wild Wings resulted in coming very close to not having enough water to serve the community. Besides the water needs on your property, this includes community fire protection and irrigating the golf course. To address this issue, the pumps in the wells have been lowered to access more water. The good news is, this minimizes the risk of water system damage and inadequate water supply. This, however, should not be viewed as a green light to increase your landscape irrigation (the main culprit!).

Besides there not being an unlimited supply of water, increased pumping could result in increased arsenic levels, and thus, an increase in the cost to treat for arsenic. Additionally, as time goes on, the State will only expand water conservation requirements.

To do your part, note that **June-August watering days are Sunday, Wednesday & Friday for a maximum of 12 minutes/station.** Additional tips on water usage include: reduce your lawn size, use mulch to prevent evaporation, update your irrigation system and water in the morning before the heat of the day. Visit the Water Conservation Resources link on the website under the General Information subheading for more ideas on how to do your part.

### Pintail Well Station Pump Lowering Project

Pictures courtesy of resident extraordinaire, Lachi Richards, who has donated countless hours and her special expertise to both the sewer and water operations.



## FAQ CORNER



**A RESIDENT ASKED:** When should we expect to see increases to CSA charges again?

**ANSWER: Water and Sewer Fees:** Periodically, fees for CSA services are re-examined to determine whether service costs are being covered and adequate reserves are built. As such, an update to the Engineer's Fee Report, which informs the revenue needed for the sewer and water operations, was made in 2018. As a result, the water fee decreased slightly and the sewer charge increased considerably. For the next 5 years, it is expected those fees will only include Consumer Price Index increases (typically 3%). For the sewer fee, the interfund transfer (loan from the water fund for the wastewater treatment plant) repayment portion of the charge (\$291.50) will end in 2022-23. Before the end of that period, the Engineer's Fee Report will be re-examined and fee adjusted if needed. Other possible fee variables in the meantime will be related to arsenic treatment and increasing the reliability of sewage treatment. More info to follow on both in a future newsletter.

**Golf Charge:** The Measure O Special Tax for the golf operation was capped at \$1,700. While it allows for annual cost of living adjustments of up to 4%, the golf operation has been able to avoid such adjustments and it is our hope that continues.

More detail can be found on CSA charges on the website (select Charges link in left-hand menu).

If you have a question related to the CSA, please reach out to the Yolo CSA Administrative Team.