RCSD MISSION:

To provide efficient, cost effective, and reliable community services in a manner that protects health, safety and the natural environment.

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Redway Community Services Land Acknowledgement

The Redway Community Services District acknowledges that it is located within the traditional lands of the Wailaki and other Indigenous peoples. On this unceded ancestral land along the river they call Sinkyokok, generations of people have stewarded this land and continue to care for the land and water. We look to our Indigenous communities for their experience in caring for the water and land that we both inhabit and commit to working with them to provide quality water for all.

RCSD is to receive more than \$20 million in grant funds

The District is happy to announce that we've secured two grants, the first through the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund for \$19.6 million.

The second grant was secured through the Department of Water Resources for \$1.62 million.

The first grant is for the planning, design, and implementation of improvements to the District's wastewater infrastructure. The existing system dates back more than 50 years, which has resulted in system wear despite ongoing maintenance.

The second project is comprised of rehabilitating an existing 250,000-gallon potable water tank, installation of automated meters and filter media replacement at the

water treatment plant to ensure a more resilient water supply for the residents of Redway during drought conditions.

RCSD Office Accessibility

Our doors are open Monday-Thursday 9-5.

Emergency Leaks

Please remember to sign up for news and alerts via email or text. An emergency leak is just that — an emergency— which means that District office staff may not have enough time to call every RCSD customer. We do, however, update our website and send emergency alerts.

New Water and Sewer Rates

As you may have noticed the July bill increased by approximately \$30 an account. The last rate increase was implemented in January, 2019, which had been approved in the fiscal year 2013/2014. RATE INCREASES ARE NEVER FUN BUT A NECESSITY. There are a lot of factors that go into a rate study which in turn establishes rates.

Some of the factors in developing a rate study are: growth projections, financial planning, cost of service, capital improvements and revenue requirements. It has been determined that our costs rise by 5.9% overall annually. Strategies must be created to guide us through the next years to keep us fiscally upright. We will be looking into ways to improve and reduce costs such as ultraviolet light to reduce chlorine consumption and employing smart meters to record water usage throughout the month. Smart meters also aid in identifying leaks and unusual usage.

New Board Member

Marie Etherton has joined our longtime board members Art McClure (chairman), Dian Griffin (vice chairman), Linda Sutton, and Michael McKaskle. Marie is informed, and thoughtful and a great addition to the board.

Conservation Efforts

Thank you for your conservation efforts. Most of you are doing a really good job of conserving water. We've had a wetter than normal spring, but California is still in a drought.

Meter Replacement Project

We are still in the process of identifying and replacing faulty meters. We anticipate that moving forward all old meters will be replaced by smart meters. We'll notify you if your meter needs replacing.

Increase in Non-flushable Wipes Being Tossed in the Toilet

Even before the advent of the coronavirus, there had been a steady nationwide increase in the number of non-flushable wipes being flushed. However, since last March, the number has skyrocketed. This other pandemic is wreaking havoc on sewer systems everywhere. Please, please, please throw your wipes in the trash instead.

We're also noticing an unusual amount of grease in the system in certain neighborhoods. Please be aware that grease should not be poured down the drain.

Be a Good Neighbor: Please think before you flush!

RCSD collection system only treats limited types of waste: Pee, Poo and Paper – the three P's.

RCSD's sewer collection system is NOT designed to accept any of the following elements:

- 1) Hazardous waste of any kind: paints, oils, cleaning agents, etc.
- 2) "Flushable" wipes or diapers.
- 3) Fabrics of any kind.
- 4) Plastic bags or food wrappers.
- 5) Cannabis oils, cleaning agents, solvents or plant residues.
- 6) Fats, oils or grease.

Disposal of any these elements into RCSD's collection system can result in significant additional expenses for the district—costs which will necessarily be passed on to you and your neighbors in increased rates—and is in violation of RCSD ordinances.





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RCSD Meetings

The RCSD Board meets the third Wednesday of the month, every month:

5:30 PM at the Redway CSD Office,

1150 Evergreen Road #2 Redway, Ca.

in the Meadows Business Park

Comments for the Regular Board Meeting:

Please submit your comments by email to redwaycsd@gmail.com, or you can leave them at the front desk before 1pm to be added to the public comment portion of the board meeting which will be read aloud.

SUD®KU MEDIUM

How to play

Sudoku is a logic puzzle where you have to populate the grid with numbers. A number can appear only once in each row, column and house. Each puzzle can be solved using logic from the given information and requires no guesswork.

