



The Stege Pipeline

Spring/Summer 2026

A New Chapter for Stege Sanitary District

You may notice our newsletter looks a little different this month! We are excited to announce a fresh look and a renewed commitment to how we connect with the communities of El Cerrito, Kensington, and Richmond Annex.

At Stege, we believe that providing world-class wastewater services goes hand-in-hand with being an active, transparent neighbor. To better serve you, we are expanding our resources to keep you informed and involved.



Employee Spotlight: Meet Jeremy Davis! Field Crew & CCTV Specialist



If you see a Stege District van on your street, **Jeremy Davis** is likely nearby. As our CCTV specialist, Jeremy operates robotic cameras that navigate miles of underground pipes. This proactive work identifies issues like invasive roots or structural shifts long before they become emergencies.

Team Player: "Everyone here has been so helpful as I've learned the profession," Jeremy says. "I really appreciate my coworkers; they are hardworking people who take pride in their work."

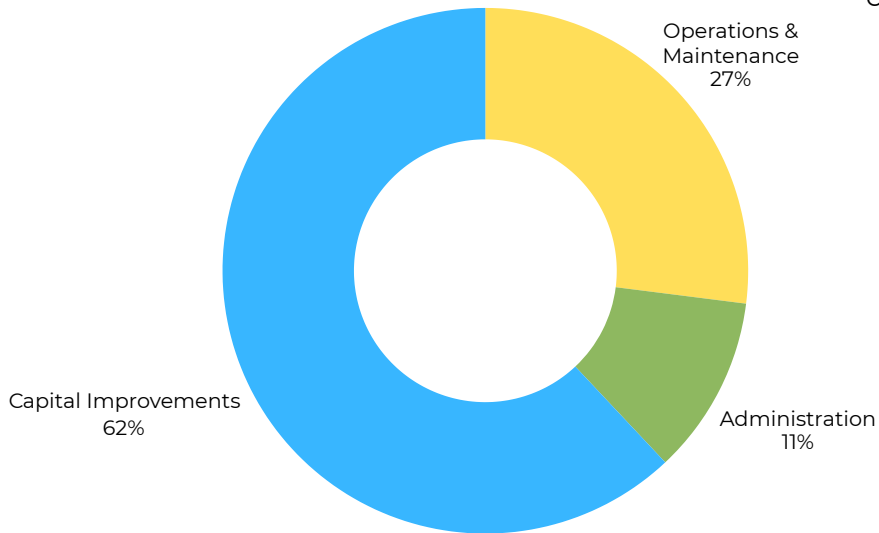
Off the Clock: When he isn't protecting local infrastructure, Jeremy is likely in his garage working on his classic cars. To relax, he highly recommends a weekend marathon of older Kevin Costner films—with *Dances With Wolves* at the top of his list.

Pro-Tip: True to his dedication to environmental health, Jeremy's favorite color is green! Next time you see the CCTV van in your neighborhood, give him a wave!

Statement of Transparency

The Stege Sanitary District Practices Responsible Financial Management. We want you to know: We actively monitor spending and manage expenses year-round to ensure your resources are used efficiently and stay within budget. We are proud to be an exemplary leader in environmental and water safety.

Where Your Money Goes

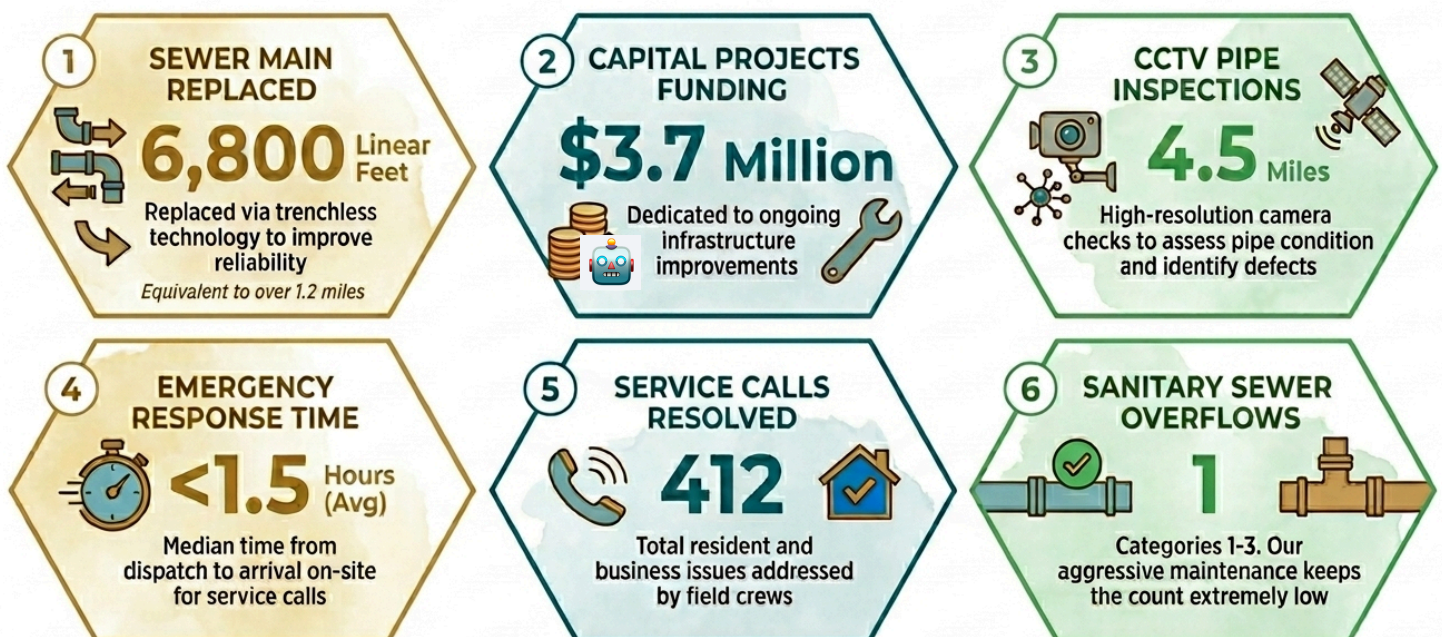


The District has budgeted approximately \$6.5M in 2026 for construction and system improvements to maintain and upgrade aging infrastructure to ensure long-term reliability for the community.



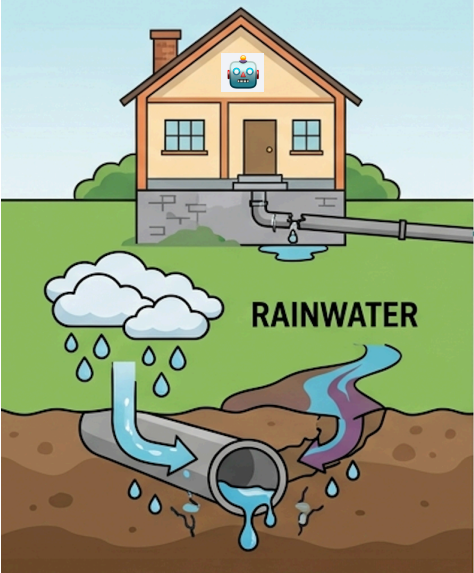
Stege Sanitary District - Our Impact At A Glance

By The Numbers - October 2025 to March 2026

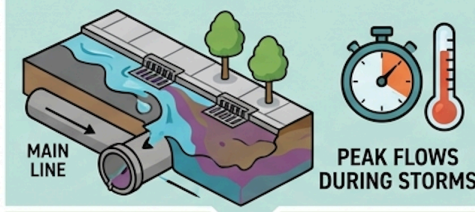


Protect Your Property and the Bay with a \$0-Interest Loan

PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL (PSL) IS LEAKING



1 OVERWHELMS SEWER SYSTEM



MAIN LINE

PEAK FLOWS DURING STORMS



INCREASED RISK OF SEWAGE OVERFLOWS & WATER POLLUTION

2 HIGHER TREATMENT COSTS



EXCESSIVE WATER TO TREAT



TREATMENT EXPENSES INCREASE

EVERYONE PAYS MORE FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES

THE TRUTH ABOUT A LEAKY LATERAL

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- ✓ Rainwater “infiltration” adds massive volume to the system.
- ✓ Treating rainwater costs the same as treating sewage.

Upgrade Your Pipes with an up to \$30,000 Interest-Free Loan!

Many property owners are not aware that they are responsible for their Private Sewer Lateral (PSL)—the pipe connecting your home to the main sewer. To help you prevent leaks and protect the Bay, Stege offers an up to \$30,000 No-Interest Loan for repairs or replacements.

The loan is repaid easily through your annual property tax bill over 10 years, making it a stress-free way to protect your property and our environment.

Ready to get started? Visit stegesan.org/PSL to download the application or call our office at **(510) 524-4667** to speak with a specialist.

Stege Fun Zone!

Our Employee Spotlight this issue is Jeremy Davis, and Jeremy is on the job! How many of his hidden Robotic Cameras can you find in this newsletter?

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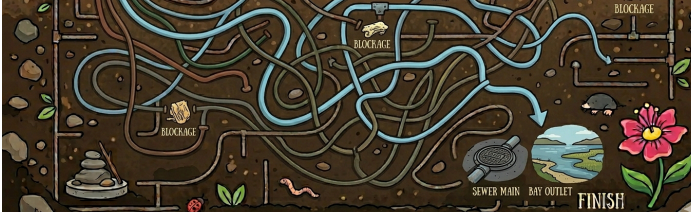
CLEAN OUT

DRAIN TRAP

START

CONTRA COSTA WASTEWATER WASTE ROUTE

Trace the flow from the house drain! Find the correct channel and avoid the blockages to see where the water goes.



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Stege Sanitary District: Environmental Word Search

Find the 15 hidden words listed below. They can be found horizontally, vertically, or diagonally!

- **Watershed:** The land that drains into the Bay.
- **Lateral:** Your home's connection to our main line.
- **Stege:** Your neighborhood sanitary district.
- **Infrastructure:** Our \$6.5M budgeted investment in reliability.
- **Clean Bay:** Our goal for a healthy local environment.
- **Ecosystem:** The balance of our local flora and fauna.
- **Recycle:** Ensuring waste goes to the right place.
- **Transparency:** Our commitment to open financial management.
- **Pollution:** What we work together to prevent.
- **Environmental:** Focused on protecting our natural world.
- **Propagation:** Growing new life, like our local jasmine and succulents.
- **Rainwater:** Keeping it out of the sewer to save costs.
- **Biodiversity:** The variety of life in our Richmond and El Cerrito hills.
- **Service:** The day-to-day work that keeps the system running.
- **Drainage:** Proper water flow to protect your property.

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Our Mission

To protect public health and the environment
for the communities we serve through
planning and operation of a safe, efficient, and
economical wastewater collection system.



**Have a Sewer Problem or
Sewer Emergency?
Call Us First!
(510) 524-4667**