

### Continuous Sewer Service Provided During PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutdowns

Many of you have experienced the first PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS). Others were lucky enough to have power, but may have experienced increased traffic, longer lines and some displays of frustration. Hopefully everyone was prepared, and any inconveniences were kept to a minimum.

SPMUD experienced the effects of the PSPS firsthand. We operate thirteen different remote pump stations that are dependent on electricity. We worked around the clock to keep the stations up and running and maintain continuous sewer service. To manage this, crews visited the stations periodically throughout the duration of the power outage. If your neighborhood is served by one of these stations, you may have notice us coming in and out more often than usual.



This will be standard practice should we experience other PSPS events in the future. SPMUD will always make every effort to provide uninterrupted sewer service. We appreciate your understanding during these events.

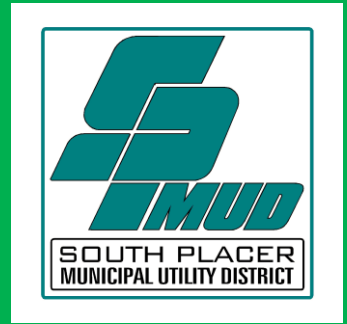
### South Placer Municipal Utility District Awarded Transparency Certificate of Excellence

The South Placer Municipal Utility District was awarded the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation for outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. Herb Niederberger, the District's General Manager accepted the award on behalf of SPMUD on September 27, 2019 at the recently held California Special District Association Annual Conference.

In order to receive the award, SPMUD demonstrated the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members; properly conducting open and public meetings; and filing financial transactions and compensation reports with the State Controller in a timely manner. The District also fulfilled 15 website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current budget and the most recent financial audit.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and the customers of the District, SPMUD is pleased to accept this District Transparency Certificate of Excellence awarded by the Special District Leadership Foundation," stated Board President Jim Williams. Williams added, "This Certificate is evidence of the hard work by the Board and District Staff to promote good governance and transparency."

The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

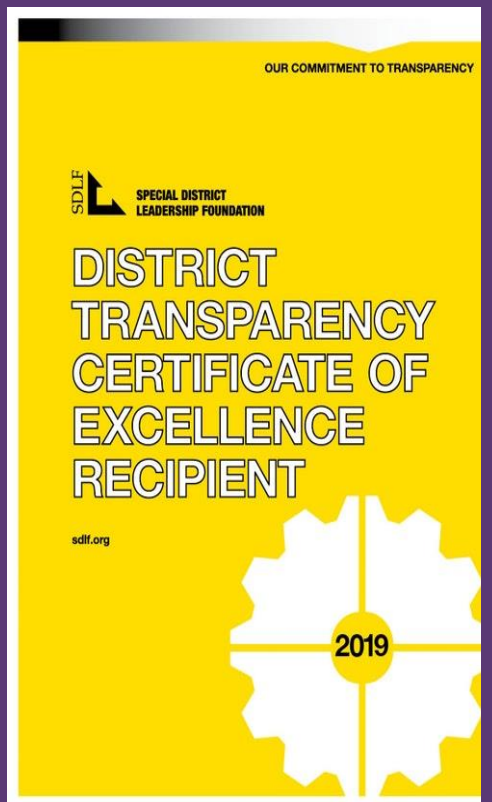


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Visit the Live Sewer Smart website for tips on proper ways to reduce impacts to the sewer system.



## Foothill Trunk Sewer Replacement Project

The Foothill Trunk Replacement Project will replace approximately 2,300-feet of 12-inch sewer gravity pipe with larger pipeline to provide sufficient capacity to accommodate anticipated flows and reduce the risk of a sewer overflow. The existing 12-inch diameter gravity sewer trunk line was constructed in the early 1970s. The original design limits the capacity of this portion of the sewer trunk system, essentially creating a "bottleneck". The improvements to this portion of the SPMUD sewer system will correct this "bottleneck" and represent a major step in maintaining the level of service SPMUD strives to provide its customers.

The project area begins near the intersection of El Don Dr and Corona Cr and heads west. The proposed alignment crosses Aguilar Rd near the intersection of Arrowhead Dr and terminates at an existing sewer pipeline near Secret Ravine.

The project will be advertised to the public for construction bids in October. SPMUD anticipates awarding the project to a contractor in January 2020 with construction beginning in April. Construction activities are planned to be completed by the end of 2020.

The project will be paid for by SPMUD with funds collected for this purpose and will not affect monthly sewer rates.

SPMUD will work with the contractor to minimize potential impacts on residents and customers. Construction activities can and will create temporary inconveniences which may include temporary road closures, traffic delays, and construction noise. SPMUD will hold outreach meetings before construction begins. Customers near the construction area will be notified and provided updates by the contractor and SPMUD representatives throughout the project.

Periodic updates about the project will be provided on the District's website. <https://spmud.ca.gov/sewer-improvement-projects>

## Don't Let FOG Ruin Your Holidays

Many households do more cooking for family gatherings and other events during the holidays. A common cooking byproduct known as "FOG" (fats, oils, and grease) could ruin your holiday festivities in the worst kind of way. After the festivities, please consider how you dispose of FOG and avoid sending it down the drain. Wipe FOG from pots, pans and dishware with a paper towel before washing.

Some residents make the mistake of pouring cooking oils and grease down the kitchen sink or flushing it down the toilet. This is especially true during the holiday season when families may be frying turkeys or preparing other traditional foods that contain large amounts of FOG.

Over time FOG will stick to pipes and accumulate within the private and public portions of the sewer system, potentially clogging sewer lines and resulting in releases of sewer into homes or on the street. A sewer overflow is the last thing you want when guests are over for the holidays.

The popular trend of frying a whole turkey in an outdoor fryer for Thanksgiving can result in 20 gallons of used cooking oil. If you are frying a turkey, consider letting the oil cool then putting it back into the container in which it was purchased. The oil could also be refrigerated and reused. Alternatively, SPMUD customers can take advantage of SPMUD's Free FOG Pick-Up Program. Pour all used cooking oil and grease into a non-breakable container with a lid, label it as "SPMUD/FOG" and place it on your front doorstep. Then call SPMUD at (916) 786-8212 for pick up!

By working together, we can accomplish the District's mission of protecting the public health and the environment of the community we all share.



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THINK

### SEWER PROBLEMS?

If you are experiencing a sewer problem, such as plumbing backing up, slow drains, sewer overflowing either inside your home or from the sewer clean out

**PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY**      **916-786-8555**

SPMUD crews will determine whether the problem is the District's to resolve or whether you should call a plumber. SPMUD has staff on-call 24/7 to address these sewer related issues.

### CALL US FIRST!

**(916)786-8555**

• **AFTER HOURS** •

**LISTEN TO PROMPTS**

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