



Carmel Area Wastewater District

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To Our Constituents & the General Public:

To safeguard the health and safety of our employees and the community, the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) is responding to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak by implementing measures to reduce the risks of transmission.

CAWD will remain open for business, however; effective March 18th we are requiring the public and business partners to please conduct business with us online and via phone. Our office will be closed to the public. Our staff is available to assist you and answer your business questions. Contact information for our staff can be found on our website at www.cawd.org or please call 831-624-1248.

The Board of Director's Meetings will take place at the regularly scheduled time but they will now adhere to the modified Brown Act provision as set forth in the Governor's Executive Order #N-29-20 (March 17, 2020). As additional information becomes available we will post it on our website.

Public Information on COVID-19:

There are no impacts from the Coronavirus to CAWD's wastewater or water recycling treatment processes. We want to reassure the community that the Coronavirus, a respiratory illness like the flu or cold, is a prime example of the viruses and other pathogens wastewater treatment plants are designed to treat. Following pretreatment, primary, and secondary treatment, cleaned wastewater is then disinfected with sodium hypochlorite (bleach). The chlorine contact provides the proper levels of disinfection. For recycled water, after undergoing tertiary filtration, the reclaimed water does not present a Coronavirus hazard.

Finally, as during normal operations, our state-approved laboratory will continue its regular sampling and testing protocol to ensure all water quality standards are met. The CAWD staff is highly trained and prepared to protect public and environmental health and safety.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this difficult time, but we want to assure you that the District continues to operate at our highest level of service.

Sincerely,

Ken White
President of the Board