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RVS RECEIVES TOP HONORS

The Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) has awarded Rogue Valley Sewer Services their "2007 Outstanding Member Agency" award.

ACWA is a private not-for-profit agency dedicated to enhancing and protecting Oregon's water quality.

With the help of Maynard Flohaug, RVS Stormwater Engineer, RVS has instituted several pollution prevention programs including the implementation of the Rogue Valley Stormwater Quality Design Manual, Capital Improvement Program and managing 1200C permits in association with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Even though these programs have been in place for less than two years, they have had major impacts on reducing the pollution in the Bear Creek water-



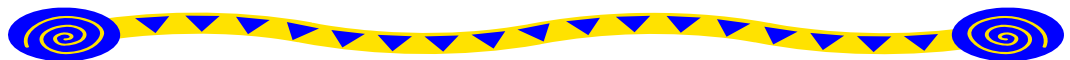
shed of Southern Oregon.

The Capital Improvement program has included installing two stormwater quality features to help reduce pollutants from entering local creeks. One has been installed near Gebhard Road. This will remove pollutants from a drainage area of 123 acres. In May of 2007, a second feature was installed at

Jewett Elementary School. This will protect stormwater run-off in downtown Central Point. In addition to

these, RVS will be installing one or two stormwater quality features each year for the next five years to trap pollutants coming from existing residential and/or commercial areas.

Rogue Valley Sewer Services is dedicated to keeping our waterways clean for future generations.

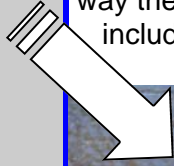


Our Mission is to provide sewer services in the safest and most cost-effective manner possible while maintaining the quality of life along with the health and safety of our Rogue Valley customers.

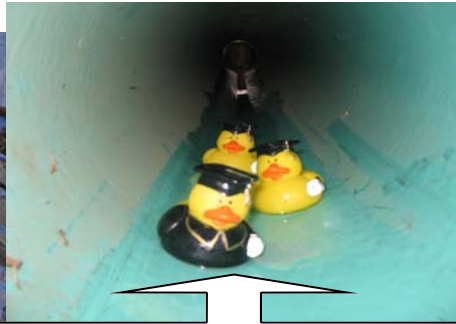
Where Does Stormwater Go?

Stormwater is the rain, snow, hail or other precipitation which falls on the ground and streets where we live, play and work. In a typical urban environment this water flows across rooftops, lawns, driveways, and streets. It then enters storm sewer catch basins or ditches. Along the way the water will pick up a variety of pollutants including oil, grease, yard chemicals, fertiliz-

ers, pet waste, plain old dirt and debris. Stormwater then enters underground pipes and dumps into local creeks and waterways without going through a treatment plant. The result is streams that are not suitable for swimming, drinking, or fishing.



Debris going into the storm drain



Debris going through a system of underground pipes



Debris entering our waterways

What is RVS Doing to Protect Stormwater?

RVS manages the National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System Phase II and the 1200C Permits mandated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. These permits and RVS Stormwater Ordinance require everyone to protect stormwater quality. In addition, RVS is constructing stormwater quality features in existing residential and commercial areas.



Homeowners can help by keeping pollutants such as pesticides, paint, concrete, oil, grease, pet waste and sediment out of the storm sewer system and local creeks. A good way to remember is "Only Rain Down the Drain". For more information please visit www.rvss.us, <http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/WQ/>, or <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm>. To report the dumping of any pollutants into the storm sewer system or to ask questions, please contact RVS at 541-664-6300 or email mflohaug@rvss.us.



FEATURED EMPLOYEE

MAYNARD FLOHAUG



Through the efforts of Maynard Flohaug, the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) has recognized Rogue Valley Sewer as the “**2007 Outstanding Member Agency of the Year.**” That’s only one of the reasons Maynard is our featured employee.

Maynard is our Stormwater Engineer. He came to us from the Sacramento Valley in February of 2006 where he was the Senior Engineer for the City of Elk Grove. Prior to his tenure at Elk Grove, he was the Principal Engineer for the State of California. In the short time he has been with RVS, Maynard has helped institute many programs including an Erosion Control Design Manual, operating the I200C construction permits for the Department of Environmental Quality and holding training programs for local developers and contractors.

Chuck Root, RVS Manager, notes “It is the beauty & lifestyle of our wonderful valley that allowed us to attract a professional with the qualities Maynard possesses. Now, he has helped us win statewide accolades. We are very fortunate and appreciative of his skills. “

Maynard enjoys what he does for the environment and says “This is the best job I have ever had!” In his spare time he enjoys fishing, reading & woodworking. He and his wife, Marcia, reside in Eagle Point.

If you have any questions regarding the stormwater management project, please feel free to contact Maynard at our office, or you can email him at mflohaug@rvss.us.



FAREWELL TO THE CENTRAL POINT PUMP STATION

The Central Point Pump Station was constructed in the early 1960’s to serve residential neighborhoods in the North end of town. With the cooperation of the City of Central Point, we were able to complete a gravity connection and eliminate this station. This is the ninth pump station that we have been able to eliminate in the past ten years. By replacing pump stations with gravity systems we improve reliability and reduce the cost of maintaining the system. This is one of the reasons we are able to have one of the lowest sewer rates in the state.



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Rogue Valley Sewer Services continues to make capital improvements on the collection system to ensure adequate capacity both now and in the future. Projects under construction or planned in the coming year include replacement of 2,800 feet of main line on Highway 99 in Talent, 800 feet of main line on Ingalls Drive in White City, 6,300 feet of main line on Avenue G in White City and the addition of a parallel force main for the Dunn Pump Station on Kirtland Road. We are also rehabilitating over 5,000 feet of pipe throughout our service area using cured-in-place pipe and will be upgrading the pumps and controls on 3 pump stations.