

SCSD NEWS

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Wastewater System Ahead of Schedule

Completion expected by summer 2007

The Spalding wastewater system project is now over 60% complete according to our project engineer. If construction continues as planned and weather permits, Sundt Construction expects the entire project to be complete before summer 2007. This is well ahead of the original scheduled date for completion. The State will then begin a six-week certification process after which service connections to the system can begin.

Property owner assistance

Steps and requirements involved in funding onsite improvements for property owners approved for financial assistance are still being finalized. Please call Cynthia Celaya at Lassen County Community Development Department at (530) 251-8308 for more information.

Sewer service connections

In order to initiate the application process, you will need a Building Site Designation Number if you do not already have one. Property owners with a septic tank currently in use, or wishing to install one at this time and have it connected to the system, must apply for a Sewer Connection Permit. Regardless, property owners with undeveloped property are also required to complete and sign an Incremental Septic System Service Agreement (ISSA). If your property is undeveloped, you should have received a letter along with a portion of the master plan showing where your connection stub-out will be located. If you wish to change the location of the stub-out, please provide us with a simple site plan of your

property showing where you want it located as soon as possible. Sewer Connection Permit, Building Site Designation Number, and ISSA forms are available at the SCSD office. You may request copies of the forms by mail, phone or stop by and pick one up. Please contact the SCSD office at (530) 825-3258 for more information.

Send or drop off your completed forms to the SCSD office. We will verify completeness and forward them to Lassen County Community Development Department for approval. You will be notified when your application is approved. Connection Permit fees are \$150 or \$120 for property owners qualified for financial assistance. Please do not proceed with installation until you receive this notification.

We encourage everyone to begin the application process as soon as possible since the project is progressing faster than anticipated. Only 62 permits have been issued to date and there are 1,024 eligible properties in the Spalding Tract.

Letters and rumors

Letters recently distributed erroneously depict a very negative outlook for our wastewater system and community. Statements made in these letters are based on emotion rather than facts. To address these unfounded statements directly is not a productive use of our time nor is the cost of doing so justifiable to SCSD rate payers. However, we respectfully request that you consider the following points.

1. Professional engineers licensed in the State of California designed the SCSD wastewater system. This team collectively possesses over 35 years of wastewater system engineering experience. The design is based on widely accepted wastewater system design principals and engineering practice.

2. The system we selected, known as the Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) system, is well proven and appropriate for our area. Prior to final selection of the system, we visited a community in Oregon with a similar system. The organization responsible for its operation recommended it highly.

3. The Spalding wastewater system is designed to serve the entire community through total build-out. This includes a service connection for every designated, improved or unimproved, building site.

4. The total system cost is NOT expected to exceed the budget approved by property owners in April 2006.

5. The operation and maintenance fee is not expected to exceed the \$24.72 per month average per E.D.U. or household.

We encourage property owners to bring any concerns to the attention of the SCSD Board of Directors or District staff. We welcome your input and will be more than happy to answer your questions.

System maintenance staff

SCSD has established a review panel to interview applicants for the system operation and maintenance position. The panel will make their appointment recommendations to the Board. We hope to have a person with the necessary expertise selected very soon.

Marina

The marina is operating smoothly and the present fee structure has been sufficient to support the operation and maintenance budget. We passed the final inspection subject to minor modifications. Final approval by Lassen County and the California Department of Boating and Waterways is expected this month. Use of the fish cleaning station has been suspended due to the high cost of pumping the holding tank. Once the wastewater system is connected, the tank will no longer need to be pumped and use of the fish cleaning station can resume.

Fire Department

The pancake breakfasts have been very successful and the Volunteer Fire Department thanks everyone for their participation. The funds generated from these breakfasts are placed in a benefit account for additional equipment as needed in the future.

www.spaldingcsd.org

The SCSD website is an underused resource for information regarding wastewater system progress and other community matters. Those who travel or live elsewhere should find it particularly convenient.

Newsletters via email

For those of you who have access to the internet and email, we encourage you to submit your email address by going to our website and sign up for an e-newsletter. By communicating via email, we will be able to get information to you faster and more economically.

Flu clinic

Flu shots will be available at the SCSD community building on Friday, November 3 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

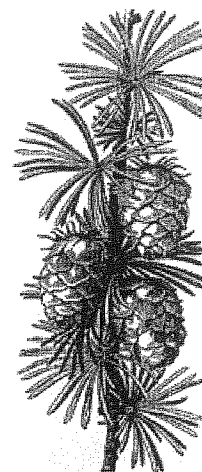
SCSD EXPLAINED

The Spalding Community Services District (SCSD) is our community's form of local government. Our Board of Directors is elected by Spalding registered voters. Directors must be property owners and are elected to four-year terms.

The SCSD is active in several areas of community development and services delivery.

- Fire suppression and medical emergency response (VFD).
- Marina development and operation.
- Wastewater system development and operation.

See the Spalding CSD website at www.spaldingcsd.org.



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