

LARKFIELD ESTATES SEWER EXTENSION

JUNE 2018 UPDATE

GHD in contract to design sewer collection system in Larkfield Estates

The Sonoma County Water Agency has entered into a contract with GHD, a local engineering design consultant, to design a sewer collection system for the Larkfield Estates neighborhood. Surveyors and engineers may be in your neighborhood this summer to do preliminary survey and planning work.

Estimated Sewer Design Timeline

This tentative schedule outlines an estimated timeline for the sewer expansion project in Larkfield Estates. As the project progresses, updated schedule information will be made publicly available.

February 2019 - Sewer collection system design will be almost complete as it will have entered the 90% Design Phase. Commitment for participation in the initial sewer connection and financing program will be due at this time. Information about how to opt-in for sewer service along with a final deadline date will be available well in advance of this deadline.

October 2019 - Construction Begins

July 2020 - Sewer service available in Larkfield Estates

Sewer Financing Project Update

Will my lender require me to pay off my sewer loan before I refinance or sell my property?

Many of you have asked about how the loans made available by the sewer financing program might impact your ability to refinance or sell your home. While this financing program will not be made available until an ordinance is passed by the Board in the fall of 2018, we want to provide as much information as possible about this financing program, so that you can make an informed decision about how to use the resources available to you.

- Because the sewer financing loans will be listed as a lien on the property and included in property tax, the loans will be in the first position.
- Some public loan programs (ex. PACE) have made lenders more likely to require loan balance payoff before refinance or sale. The sewer financing program will be implemented by an ordinance. Information we have so far indicates that direct charges, particularly those based on ordinance, are not as likely to require payoff of loan balances before refinance or sale.
- Lenders may or may not require the balance of the loan to be paid off before sale or refinance. Please inquire with your lender directly for more information about how these loans may impact you.

New Water Agency Project Point-of-Contact

This Friday, June 22nd, will be Sophie Porcelli's last day at the Sonoma County Water Agency. Barry Dugan will be the new point-of-contact for the Larkfield Estates Sewer Extension Project. Barry brings with him a wealth of knowledge from previous experience on sewer projects. Please do not hesitate to contact him with any questions or comments.

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