



City of Modesto

CITY PRIDE

May 1999

City Wide

CITY OF MODESTO SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO CITY RESIDENTS ONLY



Photo by Bill Wood

City's cannery segregation project nears completion

A sound wastewater system is essential to job creation and business growth. Modesto is moving in a new direction to support its economic development strategy with the creation of the Cannery Segregation Project.

Almost 90 percent of the way complete, the \$32 million project is on schedule, within budget and expected to be completed this summer.

Approved by the Modesto City Council in October 1995 as part of the city's Wastewater Master Plan, the cannery segregation project was developed to create capacity in the city's sewer system. Historically, the city's approach to collection and treatment has been to mix wastewater from local canneries with domestic sewage. Wastewater flow, particularly during canning season, has increased to the point that the existing

treatment facilities are at or beyond their capacity.

Because cannery wastewater is composed of organic vegetable matter, it does not need to be treated.

The project will allow the cannery wastewater to be segregated into a separate pipeline, bypassing the primary treatment system. The organic vegetable matter is then mixed with water and directed to the city's "ranch," a secondary treatment facility on Jennings Road, for irrigation.

The entire project consists of a primary plant headwork, cannery segregation pipeline, a parallel outfall pipeline and siphon, and irrigation improvements at the ranch.

Full treatment of cannery wastewater has proven costly when compared to land application practices—quadrupling the plant load in the summer and using \$1 million worth of electric power each year.



Before you dig, know what lies beneath the surface

If you are planning to dig or excavate for any reason, it is important to know what lies beneath the surface. Whether on city streets or in your own backyard, striking an underground gas pipe, electrical line, or sewer line can be extremely hazardous to people and property.

To find out where underground lines are located, you are encouraged to call the Underground Service Alert (USA) at least two working days before you start to dig.

Underground Service Alert is a free, convenient information and notification service supported by utilities like PG&E and the City of Modesto.

When you place a toll-free call to USA, an operator will ask where you plan to dig and will contact all the appropriate utilities, who will mark any underground installations they have at the excavation site. Once a site is marked, homeowners or contractors doing the work are responsible for determining the exact depth and routes of underground facilities.

Calls should be made before digging fence post holes, installing septic tanks, clearing drainage canals, planting trees, excavating, dredging, drilling, trenching, blasting or grading.

USA may be reached by calling 1-800-642-2444.

Make water conservation efforts a daily habit

Water is a precious resource. It keeps us, our trees and pets alive; it allows us to wash our clothes and keep our homes and cars clean; and it gives us the opportunity to enjoy many recreational activities. That is why it is important to make water conservation a daily habit.

Although the City of Modesto has amended its outdoor watering restrictions, some rules still apply:

- Outdoor watering is prohibited from noon to 7 p.m. daily.
- A city permit is required to hose off sidewalks, driveways and buildings.
- Water leaks, once identified, should be repaired within 24 hours
- A positive shut-off nozzle should be used when washing your car.

To report water waste, call the City of Modesto at 571-5103.

Community



■ MAX extends hours

Starting May 1, Modesto Area Express (MAX) passengers can catch a later bus during evening hours.

Last month, the Modesto City Council approved extending MAX hours of operation on routes 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 38, giving riders the opportunity to catch MAX one hour later in the evening. These routes currently carry 84 percent of total MAX ridership and account for 70 percent of total vehicle service hours.

Weekdays, the last bus departing from the Downtown Transportation Center leaves at 7:15 p.m. On Saturdays, it departs at 6:45 p.m. and on Sundays, at 5:15 or 5:45 p.m. depending upon the route.

■ Pay stations add extra convenience

To better serve our customers, pay stations are located throughout Modesto. Customers may pay city utility bills, that are not past due, at the locations listed below. Past due bills may be paid at the City of Modesto Finance Department, 1012 'I' Street. For additional information regarding utility billing, please call 577-5395.

- **City Hall at the Mall**
Vintage Faire Mall
3401 Dale Road
- **Model Pharmacy**
2400 Coffee Road
- **New Deal Market**
1612 Crows Landing Rd.
- **Rexall Drugs**
400 Paradise Road
130 N. Santa Cruz Ave.
1005 W. Orangeburg Ave.

■ Mo-Gro Magic at a nursery near you

Beginning Saturday, May 8, Modesto residents can purchase quality co-compost at many area nurseries. The co-compost, produced by the City of Modesto, consists of clean-green waste and biosolids and is packaged in one cubic foot bags.

The Mo-Gro Magic co-compost is available at:

- **Hischier's Nursery**
1520 Standiford Avenue
- **Scenic Nursery**
1313 Scenic Drive
- **Morris Nursery**
1837 Patterson Rd., Riverbank
- **Valley Nursery**
690 N. First Street, Turlock



To Your Health
...and the health
of our community
Spare the Air Drill Day

June 10th marks a practice day for all Central Valley residents, calling to mind to Spare the Air.

On this day, residents are asked to avoid the use of aerosol spray cans, gas powered garden equipment, charcoal lighter fluid, and reduce the number of vehicle trips.

For more details about this drill day or other tips on improving air quality, call the City at 571-5193.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB!

<http://www.ci.modesto.ca.us>

NEW HOURS!

CLEAN GREEN COMPOST

**Buy One Yard,
Get a 2nd Yard FREE!**

One yard minimum charge. Sales tax will be charged.

Limit 1 free yard per resident.

\$10/yd*

*Bulk sales only
Offer expires 5-31-99

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MONDAY-FRIDAY

12:30-3:30 P.M.

SATURDAYS

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Modesto Residents Only.

From Modesto, take Carpenter Rd. south, right on Keyes Rd., left on Jennings Rd.

REMINDER: It is the customers' responsibility to cover their loads.

MODESTO COMPOSTING

7007 Jennings Road • Modesto • 538-2557

Pre-Summer Splash!



It was a pre-summer splash for some of Modesto's youth as Modesto Fire Department crews conducted routine servicing of city fire hydrants. The hydrant stems are opened to examine water pressure and valves are checked for leaks. The routine inspections help fire department personnel identify potential problems so that fire suppression efforts are not interrupted during emergencies.

Photo by Bill Wood