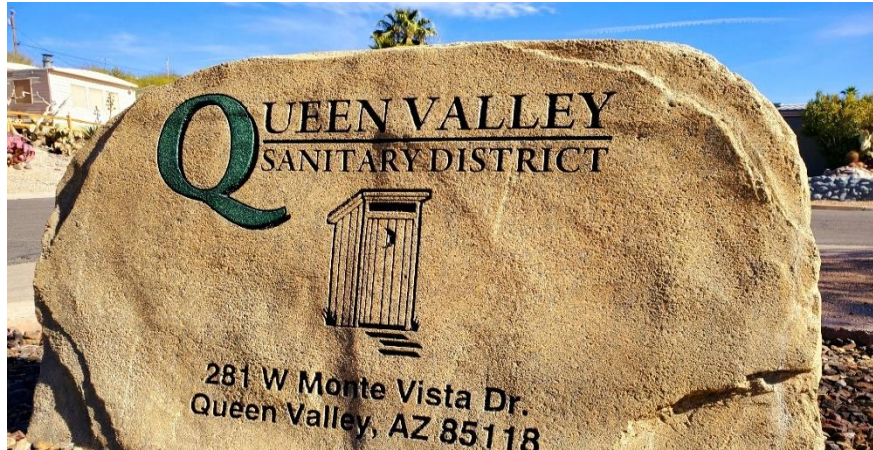


Queen Valley Sanitary District 2022 Newsletter



Board Members and Staff

Chairperson: Rick Moore, **Vice Chairperson:** Suzy Mittleider, **Clerk:** Pam Bennett, **Directors:** Rob Langefeld and J.C. Tangen, **Plant Administrator:** Rick Moore, **Operator of Record:** Jed Lant, **Business Administrator:** Michele Villavicencio, **Operators:** Joni Slewa & Edward Davis.

Office Hours

The office is open Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We have installed a more secure after hour's payment drop box on the right side of the front door to the office. This provides 24 hr. surveillance on the payment box.

District Board Meetings

The Queen Valley Sanitary District holds their regular Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the District Office at 9:00 a.m. The public is always welcome to attend. Agendas for all public meetings are posted on the bulletin board in front of the QVSD Office and the bulletin board outside the Queen Valley Golf Association Office at 600 N. Fairway Drive, copies of the agenda and minutes are available to the public at the District Office.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Rick Moore: 520-705-8806 * Ed Davis: 480-293-4410 * Joni Slewa: 480-251-4096
To be used only in the event of Sewer Emergencies within the Sanitary District.

2021 was a busy year for Queen Valley Sanitary District. Under the new leadership with Jed Lant as our new Operator of Record and Rick Moore as Plant Administrator, the plant underwent much needed renovations:

- Sediment was removed from tanks 1-4.
- In June, all plumbing, and air lines were replaced in tanks 1-10.
- The clarifier was refurbished.
- New pumps were installed on the sludge bagging system.
- The large lagoon was scraped of sediment and new aeration system was installed.
- New irrigation pump was installed.
- Our oldest blower was replaced.
- A flow screen was installed at the inlet pipe to the plant to catch rags and debris before it enters the plant.
- New variable speed controllers were installed on the two 3 hp lift pumps.
- The large sand filter was cleaned and refurbished and is now back in use.
- In late February new variable speed controllers will be installed on the two 10 hp blowers to better control the air delivery system.
- Forty feet of sewer main was replaced on Madeline Drive.

Some changes occurred in our office building too. New flooring and office reception furniture was installed. New heating and air conditioning was purchased and will be installed in March.

Under our new leadership we have been able to work with many great contractors and vendors, which made our renovations much easier. Some of these include:

Jonovich Companies, Simmon Sewer, Arizona Pneumatic, Floright Pump and Controls, Garth Vacuum, Carpet Tile Junction, Local Dumpster 411, Paratrooper Plumbing, and, of course, Queen Valley Water, Queen Valley Fire Dept., and our hard-working staff.

To date we have spent well over one hundred thousand dollars for the renovations and updates to the plant forcing the Board of Directors after eight years to raise your sewer rate to the now \$42.00. It was a hard decision but a necessary one so we can continue to improve and update our aging system.

After many years of the plant struggling, I am happy to say it is running extremely well. We are incredibly lucky to have Jed Lant as our Operator of Records. He is one of only a few grade 4 operators in the state. He brings knowledge of plant biology which has been invaluable in bringing the plant back to life. And, with Rick Moore in charge of the day-to-day operations, the staff has been working very hard to keep things running and operating at peak performance.

Our Business Administrator Michele Villavicencio is a great asset. As our first contact with our customers, she is always friendly and helpful. She has been given more duties such as ordering supplies and such, along with her billing, payroll, and office work.

What NOT to put down the toilet, drain or garbage disposal

To prevent blockages, please refrain from dumping the following items down your toilet, sink, drainpipe, or garbage disposal:

- sanitizers
- chlorine
- prescription and over-the-counter medications
- tampons, mini or maxi pads
- cotton balls and swabs
- disposable diapers
- condoms
- cleaning wipes of any kind, including personal wipes, baby wipes, tucks
- facial tissue
- paper towels
- bandages and bandage wrappings
- needles and sharps
- fats, oils or grease from cooking, cars, or lawnmowers
- coffee grinds
- eggshells
- flushable cat litter

