

Who is Rogue Valley Sewer Services?

Rogue Valley Sewer Services (RVSS) is a Special District. Special Districts in Oregon are a form of local government with limited authority. In our case, our authority is limited to managing sewer and stormwater systems.

RVSS is governed by a five member elected Board of Directors. Directors are elected to four year terms. As a public agency, RVSS is governed by the same public records, public meetings, and budget laws as the City of Gold Hill.

Our History:

- RVSS was formed in 1966 under the provisions of ORS 450.705 to 450.980.
- Originally known as Bear Creek Valley Sanitary Authority, our first project was to construct an interceptor system that would connect the cities of Talent, Phoenix, Medford, and Central Point to a regional wastewater treatment facility.
- After the completion of the interceptor in the early 1970's RVSS began to extend service into unincorporated areas of Jackson County to address health hazards caused by failing septic systems.
- **Talent** voted to be part of RVSS in 1966 when RVSS was formed.
- **White City Sanitary District** approved annexation into RVSS in 1985.
- **Eagle Point** voters approved an annexation into RVSS in 1998.
- **Central Point** voters approved an annexation into RVSS in 2000.
- **Jacksonville** voters approved an annexation into RVSS in 2005.
- **Phoenix** voters approved an annexation into RVSS in 2006.
- **Shady Cove** voters approved an annexation into RVSS in 2017.
- **Gold Hill:** RVSS has operated the Gold Hill sewer system since 2018.

Today, RVSS has a staff of 40 employees who operate over 400 miles of sewer collection system pipe, 30 sewer pump stations, and three treatment facilities (Shady Cove, Gold Hill, and White City Lagoons). In addition we manage the stormwater quality permit for the cities of Phoenix, Talent, and Jackson County.

Our staff includes:

- Two licensed engineers
- Five licensed plumbing inspectors.
- One Treatment Level 4 certified employee
- One Treatment Level 3 certified employee
- Three Treatment Level 2 certified employees
- Six Treatment Level 1 certified employees
- Six Collections Level 4 certified employees
- Two Collections Level 3 certified employees
- Five Collections Level 2 certified employees
- Six Collections Level 1 certified employees

Our expertise, experience, and efficiency allow us to maintain very high performance standards for the infrastructure while having one of the lowest monthly user rates in the state.

Typical Single Family Residential Monthly Sewer Rate

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| • RVSS | \$25.50 |
| • Medford | \$27.39 |
| • Grants Pass | \$39.89 |
| • Ashland | \$47.51 |
| • Shady Cove | \$50.00 |
| • Gold Hill | \$78.88 |
| • State-wide Average | \$58.53 |