As part of rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant, this new sludge dewatering screw press was installed. While this piece of equipment cost $204,500, the ability to remove water from sludge is expected to save $5,333 per month in hauling costs, thus paying for itself in 3 years. And it’s pretty cool to watch it in action – the sludge actually bounces once it’s been dewatered!

In February, a Golf Goal Setting Session was held with Kemper Sports (the course operator), the Golf Sub-Advisory Committee and around 30 community members. The session led to a better understanding of the golf club’s operation and generated new ideas for increasing revenue.

Since then, with the help of resident Joan Kingery, Kemper’s 2019-20 Marketing Plan was developed which incorporates new ways to inform Wild Wings residents and golfers of opportunities at the Wild Wings Golf Club. An example is the flyer recently mailed to all residents highlighting upcoming events. Another subcommittee of residents Mark Ullrich and Chuck Maltese has also worked with Kemper to identify infrastructure needs and ways to enhance the operation. To view the goal setting session notes, Marketing Plan, Agronomist Report and Capital Improvement Plan, visit the CSA’s website (select Golf Club link in left-hand menu).

Upcoming efforts will be focused on enhancing The Nest to encourage greater use and hopefully, increase golf club revenue. Resident volunteers in this effort are needed. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact the Yolo CSA Administration Team (contact information to the left).
A RESIDENT ASKED: When should we expect to see increases to CSA charges again?

ANSWER: Water and Sewer Fees: Periodically, fees for CSA services are re-examined to determine whether service costs are being covered and adequate reserves are built. As such, an update to the Engineer’s Fee Report, which informs the revenue needed for the sewer and water operations, was made in 2018. As a result, the water fee decreased slightly and the sewer charge increased considerably. For the next 5 years, it is expected those fees will only include Consumer Price Index increases (typically 3%). For the sewer fee, the interfund transfer (loan from the water fund for the wastewater treatment plant) repayment portion of the charge ($291.50) will end in 2022-23. Before the end of that period, the Engineer’s Fee Report will be re-examined and fee adjusted if needed. Other possible fee variables in the meantime will be related to arsenic treatment and increasing the reliability of sewage treatment. More info to follow on both in a future newsletter.

Golf Charge: The Measure O Special Tax for the golf operation was capped at $1,700. While it allows for annual cost of living adjustments of up to 4%, the golf operation has been able to avoid such adjustments and it is our hope that continues.

More detail can be found on CSA charges on the website (select Charges link in left-hand menu).