



Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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LONG TIME DISTRICT ENGINEER DIES AT 65

(Costa Mesa, CA) – Robin Hamers, CMSD District Engineer for the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) for 37 years, passed away suddenly Thursday morning.

“We are shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of a close friend and the finest engineer in the wastewater profession,” said Board President Jim Ferryman.

Hamers joined CMSD in 1982 as an independent contractor. He served as engineer while concurrently running his own engineering business, Robin B. Hamers & Associates, Inc. From 1992 through 2009 he served as District Manager. By 2010, the District reorganized and named Hamers the District Engineer.

Hamers is responsible for designing and overseeing the construction of most of the District’s wastewater infrastructure, which includes 224 miles of pipeline, twenty lift stations and over 47,000 connections to single family and multi-family residences, as well as commercial and industrial properties.

“Rob’s passing is not only a big loss to CMSD, but a loss to the wastewater industry because he is highly respected by everyone in the profession,” said CMSD General Manager Scott Carroll.



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In the last ten years, Hamers designed and oversaw the construction of projects totaling more than \$13 million, most notably the District's Corporate Yard on Wilson Street. The Corporate Yard gave the District a location to safely secure its equipment and supplies, as well as giving the District a staging area for maintenance activities. The Corporate Yard is the first facility constructed in the City of Costa Mesa to be Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified by the U.S. Green Building Council, which is the highest certification an agency can obtain. "That was a game changer for the District," said Carroll. "We are a better organization because of Rob."

Hamers was Chairman of the Orange County Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Steering Committee and a member of the Orange County WDR General Group that worked together to promote uniformity in the management of California's wastewater collection system and to reduce sanitary sewer overflows.

While raising his two daughters, Hamers discovered a passion for coaching youth sports. He coached his daughters in softball and basketball during their childhood and continued as a softball coach at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana for thirteen years. He regularly expressed his excitement about the possibility of coaching his grandsons once he retired, earning him the nickname, "Coach Granddad."

Hamers was an avid swimmer, runner, tennis player and bicyclist. He held swimming records at the Bannockburn Swim Club in Bethesda for decades and made many lifelong friendships on the tennis court. He was an amazing father, brother, son, friend, coach and engineer, and he will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.

Hamers is survived by is survived by his mother, Sylvia Weiss; his brother, Allen Hamers; his two daughters, Jill Gadwood and Christie Turner; his five grandsons and his newborn granddaughter. The family is hosting a viewing at the Pacific View Mortuary in Newport Beach on Monday, January 13 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The funeral will be held the following week in Bethesda, Maryland, Hamer's childhood hometown and home to his mother and older daughter.

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About the Costa Mesa Sanitary District: Formed in 1944, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) is an independent special district that provides solid waste and wastewater collection services to a population of approximately 116,700 in Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, and unincorporated Orange County. For more information and the latest CMSD news, visit www.cmsdca.gov and follow CMSD on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). To get in touch with CMSD staff, email info@cmsdca.gov or call (949) 645-8400.