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## Citizens invited to learn more about wastewater treatment

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During the Feb. 6 Orinda City Council meeting public forum, Charles Waltmire invited citizens to learn what happens to water when it goes down the drain at the upcoming annual Central Contra Costa County Sanitary District's Citizens Academy (Central San Academy). The award-winning program (California Special Districts Association 2016 Exceptional Public Outreach and Advocacy Award) provides a behind-the-scenes look at wastewater treatment.

Participants in Central San Academy learn how Central San uses engineering, chemistry and technology to turn waste into worth by cleaning wastewater and returning it to customers as recycled water. Participants also learn about critical projects, how rates and fees are set, and what is being done to develop our region's water supply. The curriculum is taught by expert staff and board members, and aims to be interactive, informative and engaging. The program includes a tour of Central San's treatment plant, laboratory, recycled water fill station, and household hazardous waste collection facility.

The free classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m., March 27 to May 1, except for the 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. facilities tour on April 17 (no evening class) and one alternate date for those who cannot make the April 17 tour. Classes are held in the Multi Purpose Room at Central San's headquarters at 5019 Imhoff Place in Martinez.

Central San recommends the program for those who take an interest in the activities of local government agencies, have considered employment in the wastewater industry, are curious to meet active members of your community, or just want to expand your general knowledge.

Due to limited class size, interested parties should file an online application at [centralsan.org](http://centralsan.org) before 5 p.m. Friday, March 16. Applicants will be added to the mailing list and receive updates via email.

For information, contact Central San at <mailto:academy@centralsan.org> or call (925) 229-7390.

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