

Quail Valley Sewer Project

Project Background

For many years, failing septic tanks in Quail Valley have resulted in groundwater pollution in the community and downstream in Canyon Lake.

There is inadequate land and leaching surface in Quail Valley to accommodate the volume of wastewater produced. Therefore, septic wastewater flows through yards and along streets toward Canyon Lake, which is under the control of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) and serves as a drinking water source for the City of Canyon Lake.

Due to this water quality issue, in 2005, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board placed a moratorium on septic systems in the Quail Valley area. The moratorium states that no new septic systems can be installed in the Quail Valley community until two areas of the community receive sewer.

Subarea 9, Phase I

In 2018, EMWD began work on Subarea 9, Phase I. This project saw the installation of sewer up Goetz Road and down portions of Vista Way, Casa Bonita Avenue, Platino Drive, Datil Drive and La Cresta Way. As part of the project, over 150 homes were connected to the new sewer system and existing septic tanks abandoned in place. The project was made possible by the collaborative effort between EMWD and several funding partners including the State Water Resources Control Board, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the City of Menifee. The project was completed in the summer of 2019.

Next Steps

As a public agency, EMWD is unable to use existing ratepayer funds to advance sewer in the Subareas 9 and 4. With this in mind, EMWD is working with funding partners including the California State Water Resources Control Board to obtain grant funding.

EMWD is committed to working with state and federal agencies to secure this funding and further advance sewer solutions in the Quail Valley community.

QUICK FACTS

MORATORIUM ON SEPTIC

Quail Valley has been under a moratorium on new septic systems since 2006.

- Due to failing septic tanks compromising water quality
- Regional Board has identified Subareas 9 and 4 as areas that must receive sewer before it would consider lifting the moratorium

SEWER PROJECTS IN THE AREA

In 2019, EMWD completed Subarea 9, Phase I.

- Over 150 homes connected to sewer
- 70+ vacant parcels now have sewer connections fronting the property
- A sewer mainline runs down portions of Vista Way, Casa Bonita Ave., Platino Dr., Datil Dr. and La Cresta Way

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