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# GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY PLUS



*An artist rendering of EMWD's Hewitt and Evans Groundwater Treatment Facility in San Jacinto.*

## HEWITT AND EVANS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

In early 2023, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) will begin work on its Hewitt and Evans Groundwater Treatment Facility, located on the northwest corner of South Hewitt Street and East Evans Street in San Jacinto.

This new centralized treatment facility will treat groundwater from four new wells located in the San Jacinto Valley. It is part of EMWD's expanding Groundwater Reliability Plus initiative to provide our community with a safe and reliable water supply for future generations.

The facility will be completed by Winter 2024-25 and site improvements will include perimeter block wall fencing and drought-tolerant landscaping. Construction of the facility will take place during daytime hours only.

EMWD will be providing additional information prior to construction. For the latest updates on the project, please visit [www.emwd.org/san-jacinto-projects](http://www.emwd.org/san-jacinto-projects).





**Where Does The Water Come From?** EMWD is finishing construction on four new groundwater wells in the region, which will deliver water to this site for final cleaning. Much of the water treated at this site will originate from EMWD's efforts to replenish our local aquifers. This includes water from our Water Banking and Purified Water Replenishment (PWR) programs. PWR will use purified and tertiary recycled water to replenish our groundwater basins. These programs improve the quality and quantity of our groundwater supplies.

**What Type of Treatment Will This Facility Use?** The Hewitt and Evans Groundwater Treatment Facility will primarily use green sand filter technology. This is a safe and proven treatment process that will help clean the groundwater before it is put into the distribution system.

**Why Did EMWD Choose This Location?** EMWD already owns this property and has other facilities on the site. The site is also centrally located to other properties that are part of EMWD's Groundwater Reliability Plus program. By having centralized facilities, EMWD is able to keep costs low for our customers by having increased efficiency and minimizing infrastructure throughout our service area.

**What Can The Community Expect During Construction?** During construction, crews will be working weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be some noise and possibly light vibrations coming from the site, however, EMWD and its contractors will take steps to limit noise and dust. This could include the use of large, temporary sound walls to help reduce impacts to the community. The contractor will be constructing a block wall around the perimeter of the site early in the construction period to help reduce impacts to our neighbors.

**Will There Be Extra Traffic?** Yes. There will be some extra traffic during construction for our crews arriving on site and delivering materials. However, EMWD is committed to doing its part to minimizing impacts and also ensuring materials are only delivered during construction hours. Once the project is finished, traffic to and from the facility will be minimal.

**What About Impacts to Hyatt Elementary School?** EMWD is working closely with San Jacinto Unified School District to minimize impacts to the school, including during the busy drop-off and pick-up windows before and after school.

