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# QUAIL VALLEY SEWER PROJECT - SUBAREA 4

## 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 (Regional 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.

In 2019, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) completed Subarea 9, Phase I of the Quail Valley Sewer Project. 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.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In the Summer of 2023, EMWD began work on designing a sewer system for the Subarea 4 portion of Quail Valley.

The design process will determine the best solutions for sewer in Subarea 4. During design, EMWD will collect data including the location of every septic tank in Subarea 4. In order to access properties and map septic tank locations, EMWD is working with property owners and asking them to return signed Right of Entry agreements. These agreements allow for EMWD staff and consultants to come onto the property and survey the area to correctly locate and mark where septic tanks currently sit. This information is critical to the design process. By knowing where septic tanks on each property sit, EMWD will be able to more easily design connection points to the new sewer system - making construction easier on residents.

This project is directly related to the Goetz Road Sewer Project.

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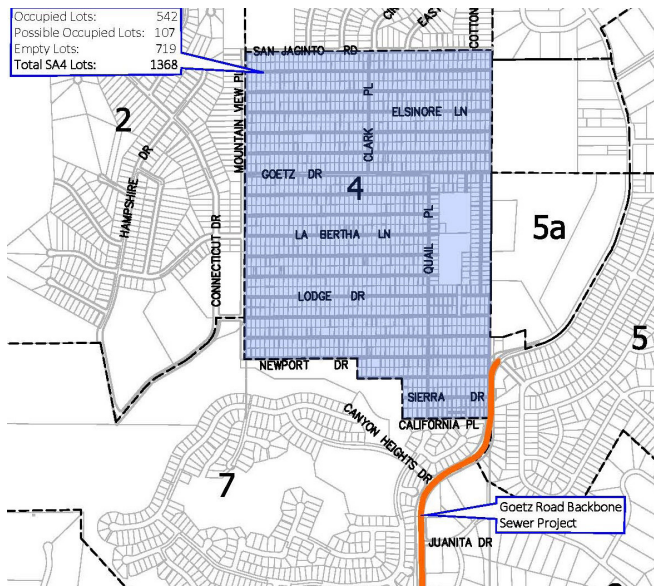
## WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Septic Tank Location**
  - Once Right of Entry agreements have been signed, EMWD will begin working with homeowners to access properties.
  - When EMWD staff is on your property, they will speak with homeowners and use Riverside County records to determine where the septic tank is located.
  - If the homeowner is unaware where the septic tank is and records are incorrect, EMWD may use ground penetrating radar. This technology will allow EMWD to use radar to find the septic tank.
- **Design of sewer in the street**
  - Residents will always have access to their driveways.
  - The community may notice EMWD staff and consultants in the area conducting pothole activities, marking certain areas of the street and gathering data.

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This page and information related to the Goetz Road Sewer Project are available via the QR code on this page.



## Project Timeline:

Design is expected to be complete in the fall of 2024

## Project Funding:

\$200,000 - Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority  
 \$500,000 - State Water Resources Control Board

## Subarea 4 and Goetz Road Sewer Projects

