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Summerly Neighborhood Odor Update

EVMWD Investigating Sulfur Odor in Summerly Neighborhood, No Evidence of Sewer System Involvement

Lake Elsinore, CA - We understand the concerns from our Summerly neighbors regarding the sulfur-like odor in the area, and we want to assure you that this issue is a top priority. Our staff investigated over the weekend and again today, and we found no indication that the odor is coming from EVMWD's sewer system.

We believe the source of the odor may be the 71-acre stormwater detention pond behind the development, near Soraya Street, which is owned by the City of Lake Elsinore. While EVMWD operates a pump station to manage water levels, the city is responsible for water quality and odors. The recent winds may have dispersed the odor throughout the area.

We will conduct an additional odor survey tonight around 8 p.m. to confirm our findings. If we identify any issues with the sewer system, we will address them immediately, though all systems are currently operating normally. We are coordinating with the city to resolve the pond odors.

If you have any questions or need further updates, please call us at 951-674-3146. If you're ever concerned about a potential issue, we encourage you to call us directly rather than posting on social media, as this helps us respond more quickly. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.

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